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The Service

Morning

The Service shall begin with an appropriate **Hymn.** *During the singing the* **Minister** *shall proceed to the Altar and kneel in prayer. After the singing he shall rise, turn to the Congregation, and sing or say:**

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons.

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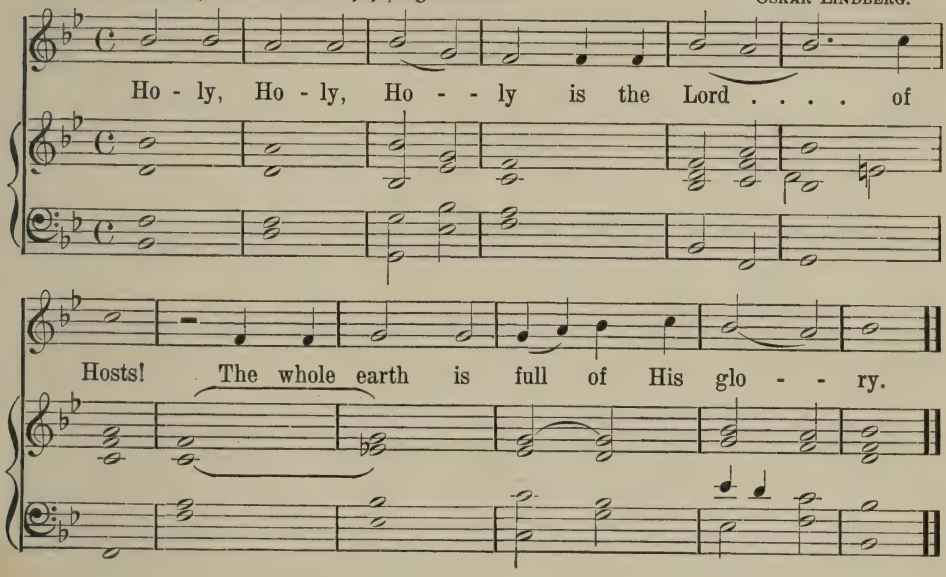
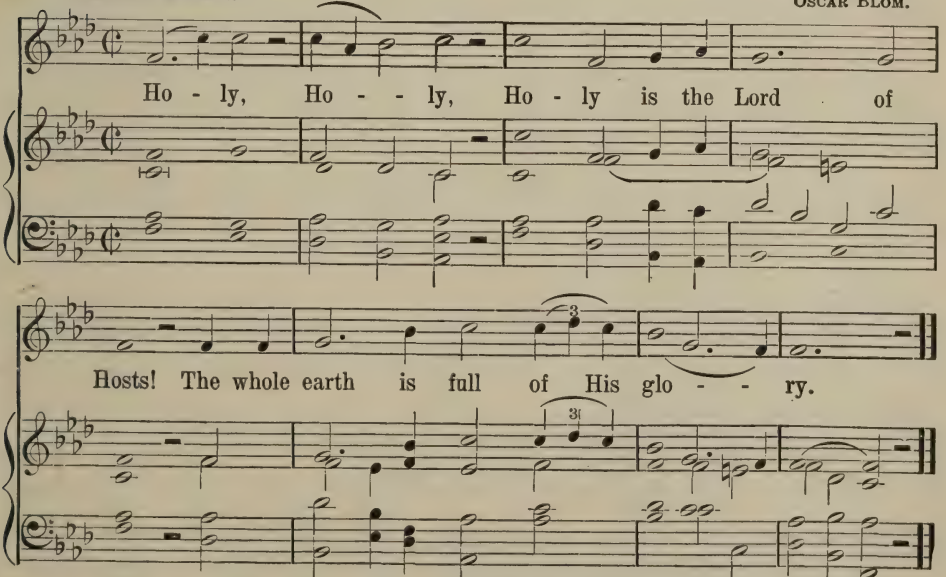


Lenten Season.

OSCAR BLOM.



* For the Introit which may be used at this place in the Service on Festival Days see pp. 25 to 37.

Easter and Pentecost Seasons.

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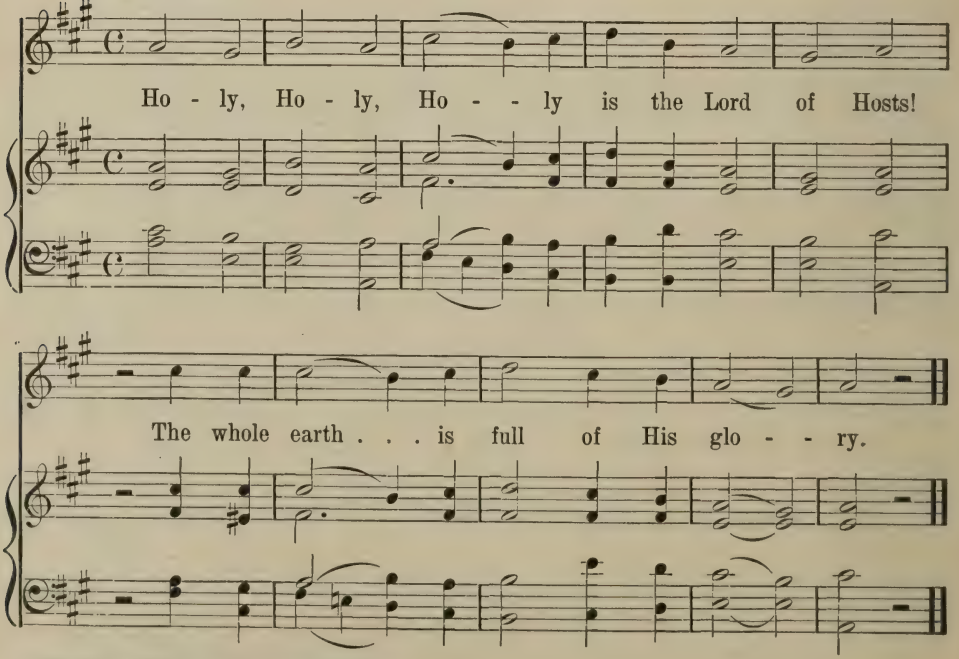
Trinity Season.*



* Melody and tenor may be sung as a duet.

Thereafter the **Minister** *shall say:*

The Lord is in His holy temple; His throne is in heaven. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of an humble and contrite spirit. He heareth the supplications of the penitent and inclineth to their prayers. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto His throne of grace and confess our sins:

The Confession of Sins

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, and with the* **Congregation** *unite in the following Confession of Sins:*

Holy and righteous God, merciful Father, we confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. We have not loved Thee above all things, nor our neighbor as ourselves, and are worthy, therefore, to be cast away from Thy presence if Thou shouldst judge us according to our sins. But Thou hast promised, O heavenly Father, to receive with tender mercy all penitent sinners who turn unto Thee and with a living faith seek refuge in Thy Fatherly compassion and in the merits of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Their transgressions Thou wilt not regard, nor impute unto them their sins. Relying upon Thy promise, we confidently beseech Thee to be merciful and gracious unto us and to forgive us all our sins, to the praise and glory of Thy Holy Name.

May the Almighty, Eternal God, in His infinite mercy and for the sake of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, forgive all our sins, and give us grace to amend our lives, and with Him obtain eternal life. Amen.

Or, the following may be used during Lent and on Holy Days:

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Thy sight. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Heavenly Father, hear my prayer for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie

The **Minister** *and the* **Congregation** *shall rise and sing:*

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons.

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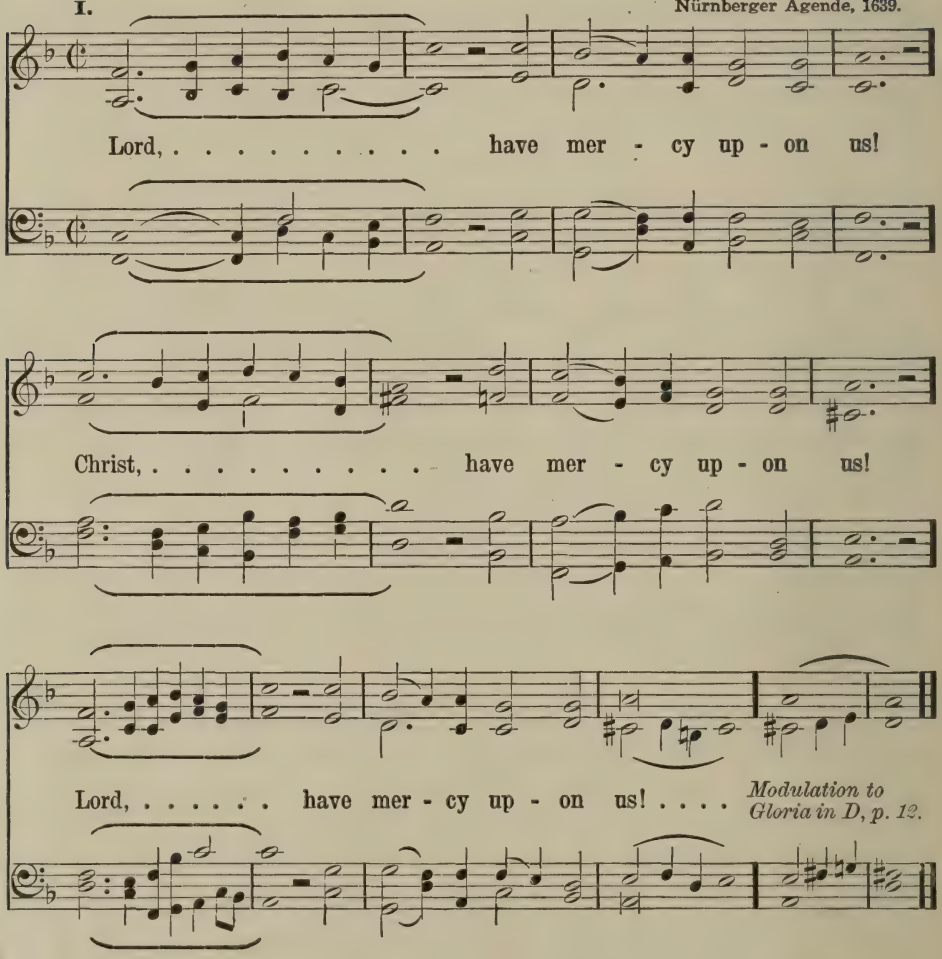

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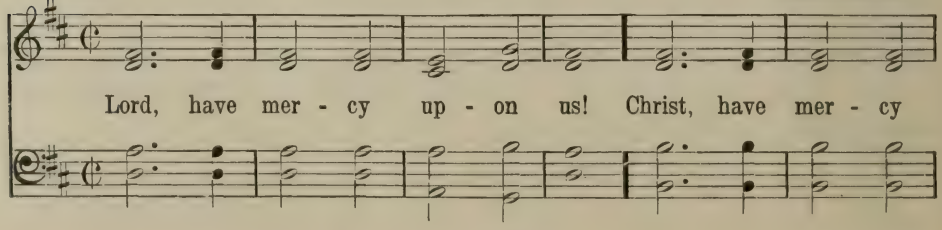
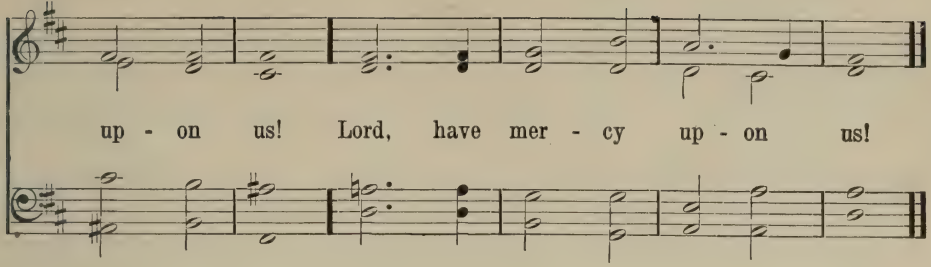
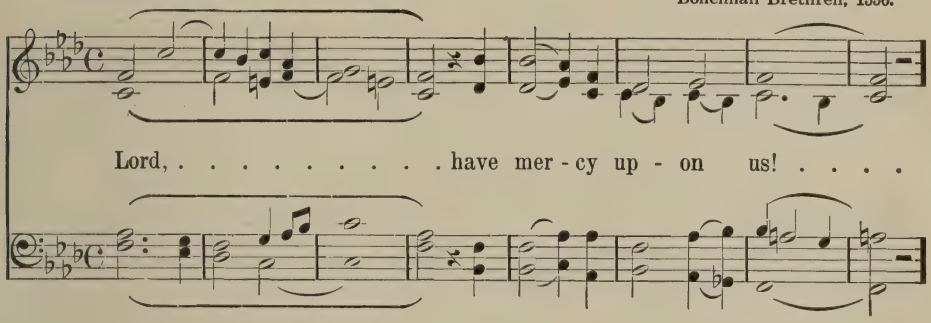
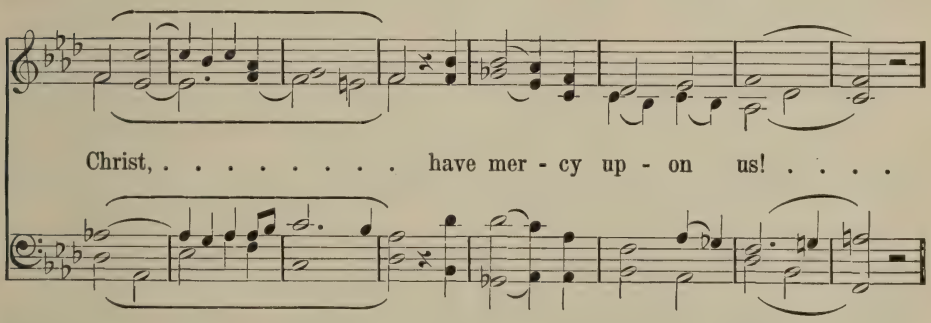


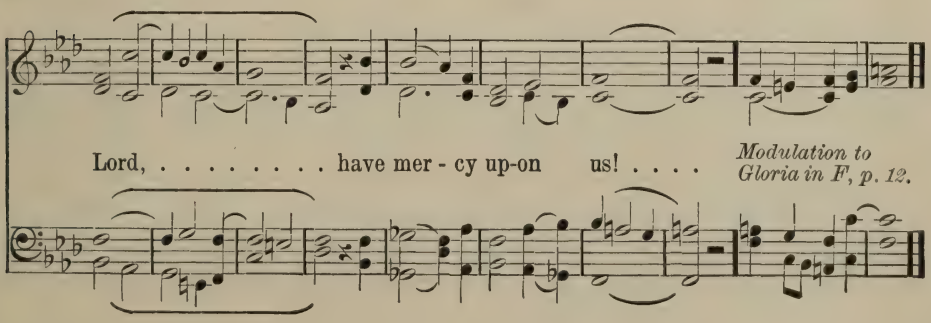


Lenten Season.

Bohemian Brethren, 1556.







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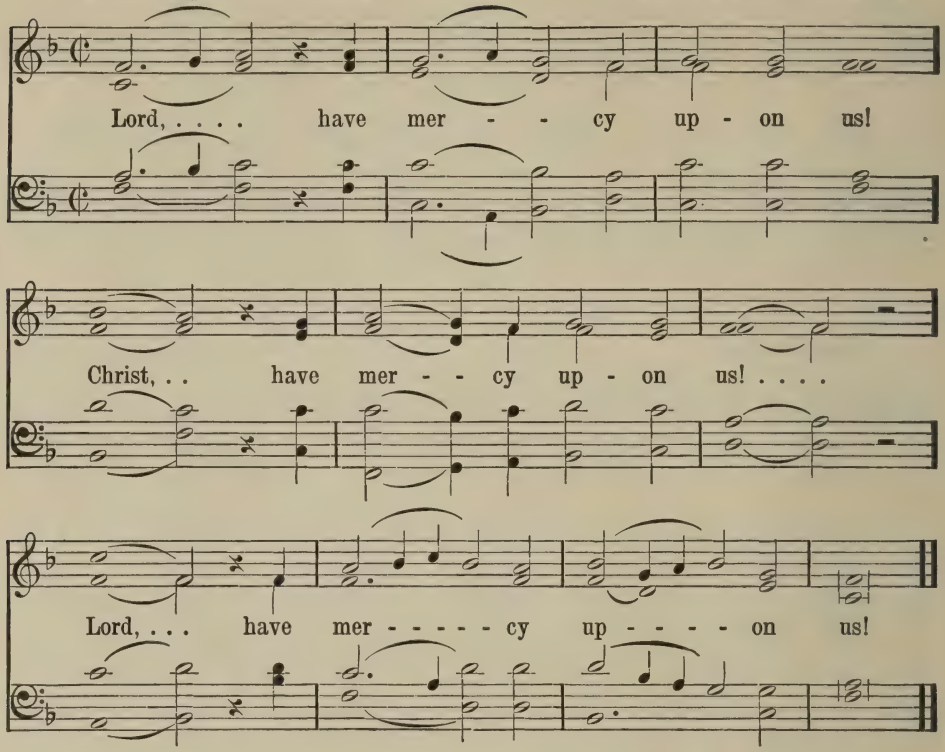
Easter and Pentecost Seasons. Bjuråkers Handskrift, prior to 1550.



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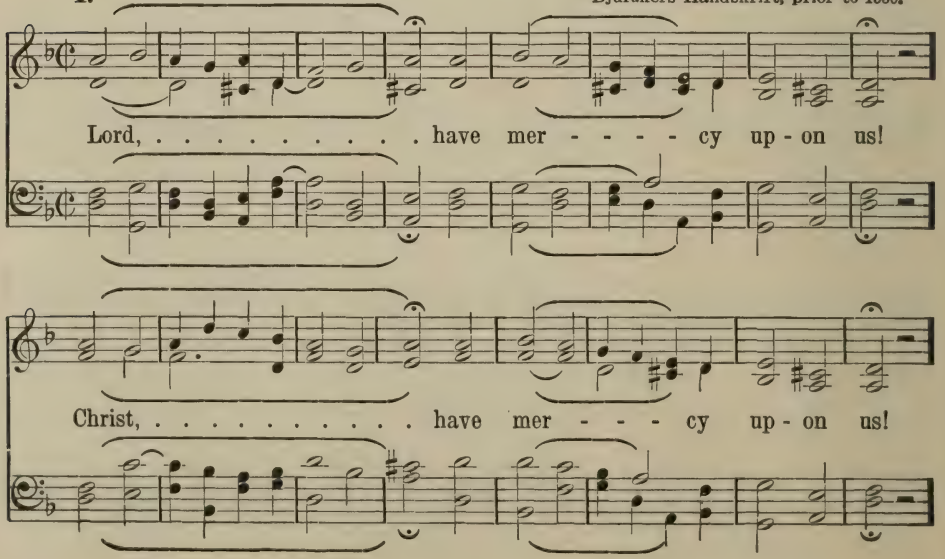

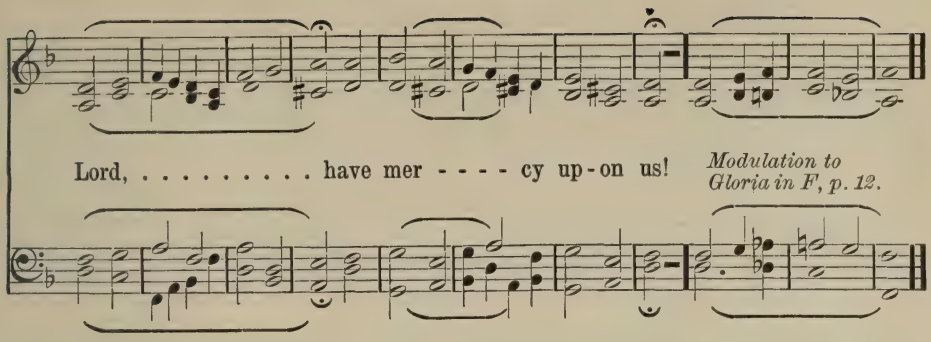

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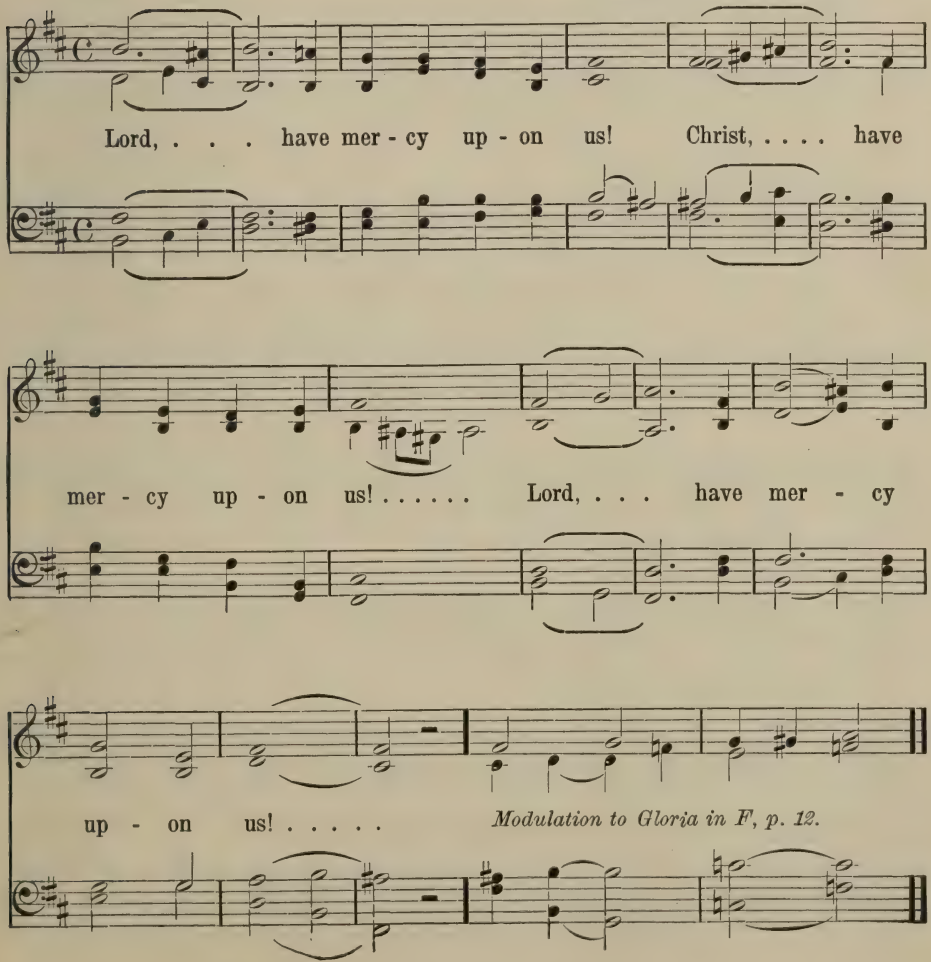

Gloria in Excelsis

The **Minister,** *turning to the Congregation, shall sing or say:*

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons.

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Lenten and Trinity Seasons.

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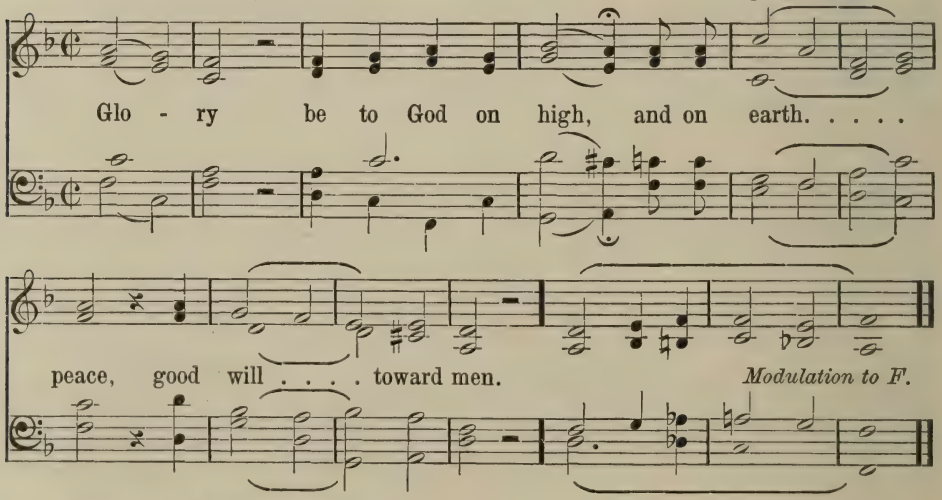

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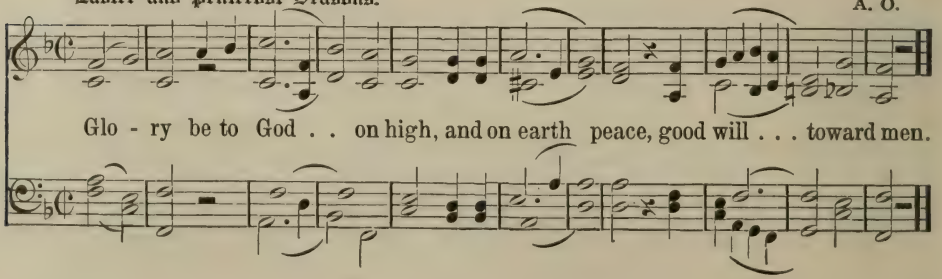

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, and with the* **Congregation** *shall sing:*

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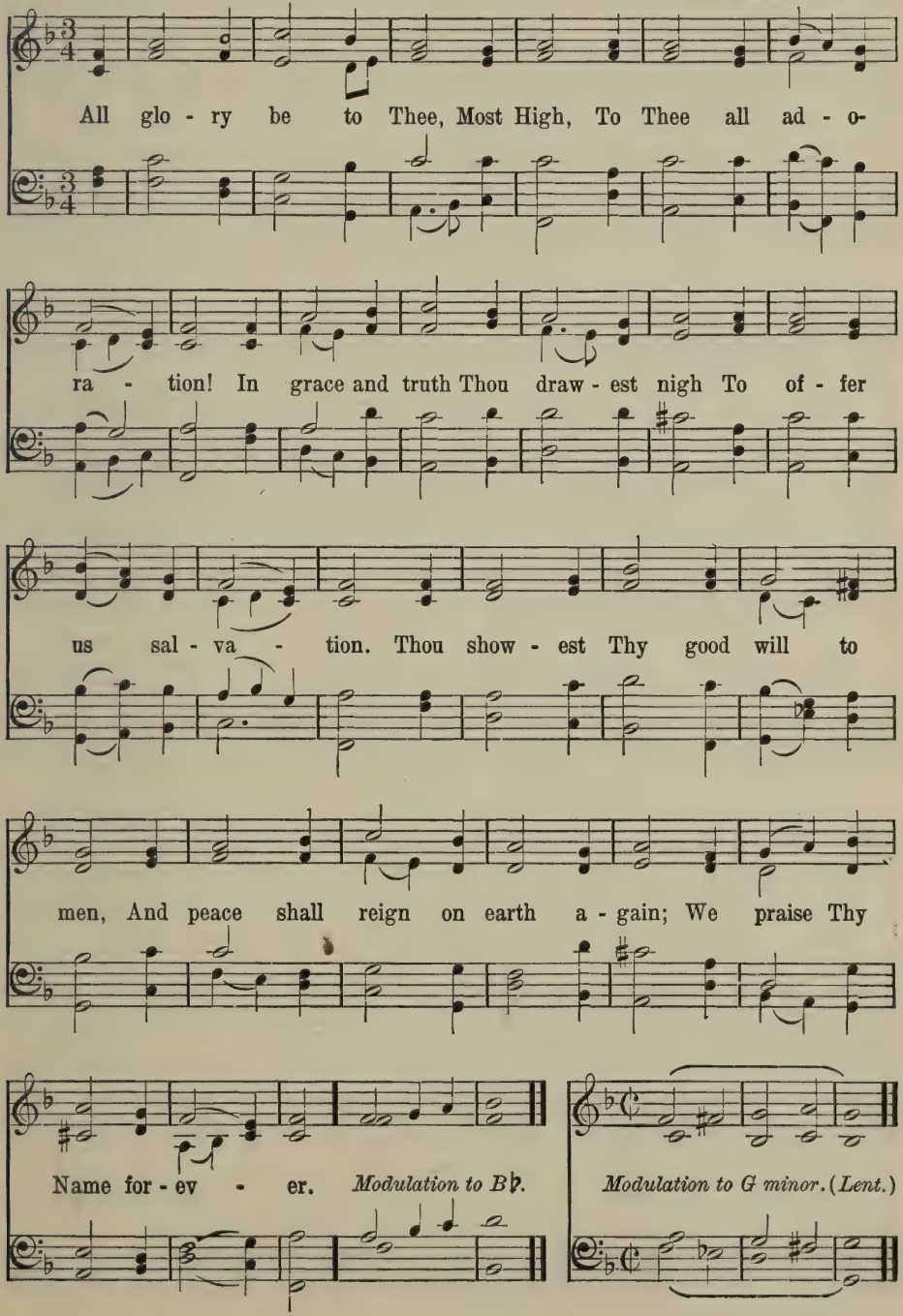
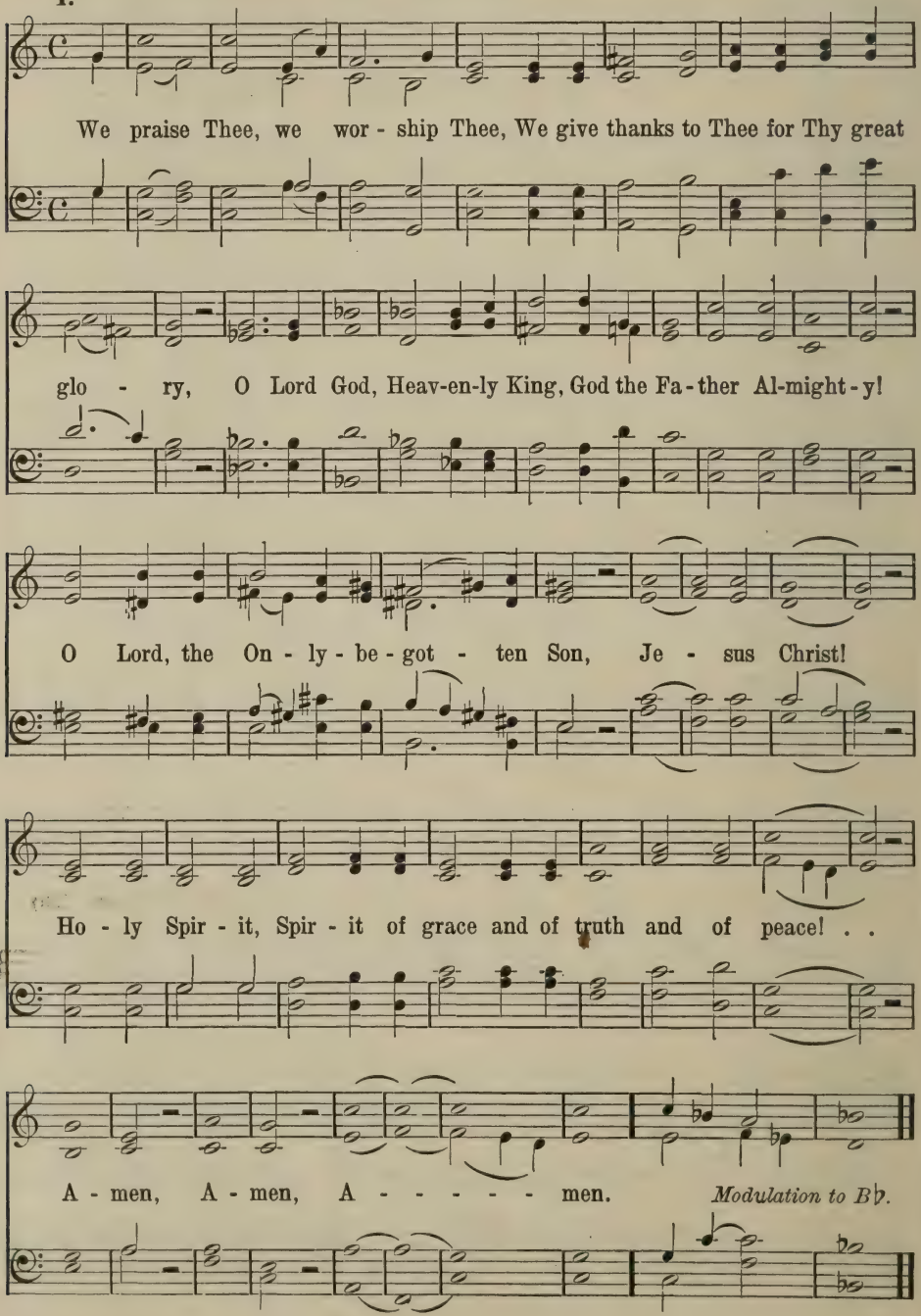
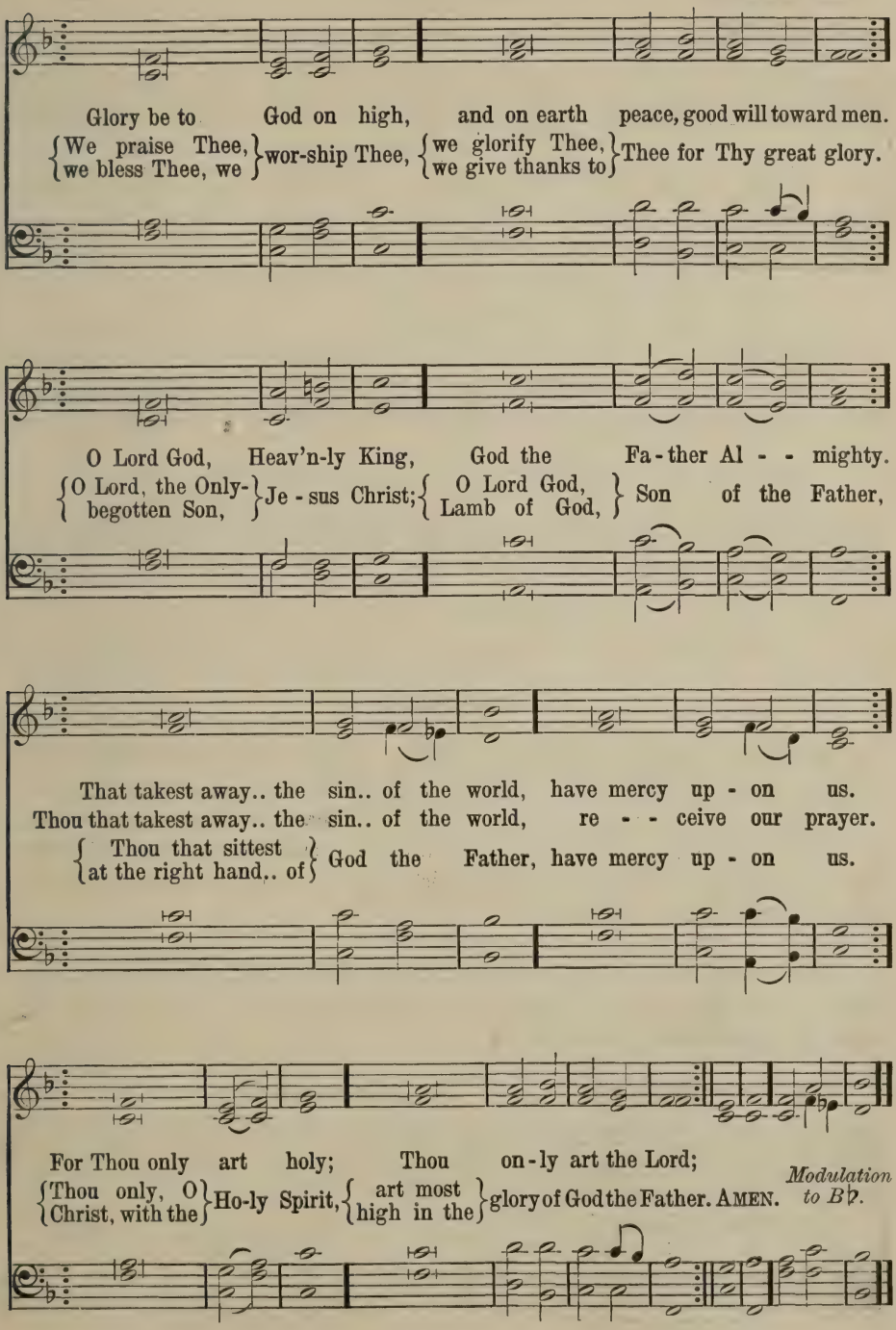

All glo - ry be to Thee, Most High, To Thee all ad - o-
ra - tion! In grace and truth Thou draw - est nigh To of - fer
us sal - va - tion. Thou show - est Thy good will to
men, And peace shall reign on earth a - gain; We praise Thy
Name for - ev - er.
Modulation to B♭.
Modulation to G minor. (Lent.)

On Festival Days, or on any Sunday except during Lent, the following **(I. or II.)** *may be sung instead of "All glory be to Thee, Most High."*

I.

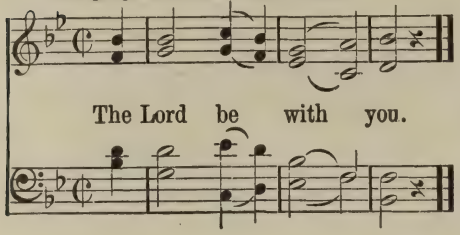

We praise Thee, we wor - ship Thee, We give thanks to Thee for Thy great
glo - ry, O Lord God, Heav-en-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-might-y!
O Lord, the On - ly - be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ!
Ho - ly Spir - it, Spir - it of grace and of truth and of peace! . .
A - men, A - men, A - - - - - men.
Modulation to B♭.

II. Old Scottish Chant.

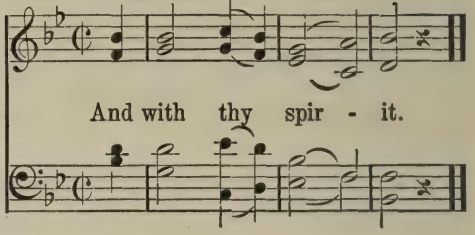

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
{We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we} wor-ship Thee, {we glorify Thee, we give thanks to} Thee for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, Heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - - mighty.
{O Lord, the Only-begotten Son,} Je - sus Christ; { O Lord God, Lamb of God, } Son of the Father,
That takest away.. the sin.. of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away.. the sin.. of the world, re - - ceive our prayer.
{Thou that sittest at the right hand.. of} God the Father, have mercy up - on us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord;
{Thou only, O Christ, with the} Ho-ly Spirit, { art most high in the } glory of God the Father. AMEN.
Modulation to B♭.

The Salutation

Then the **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*



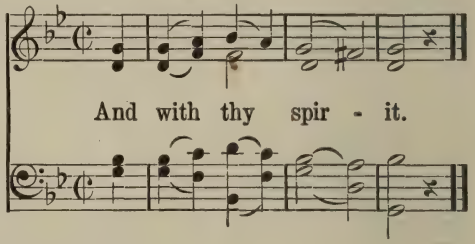
The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



Lenten Season

The **Minister:**

The **Congregation:**



Then the **Minister** *shall say:*

Let us pray.

The Collect

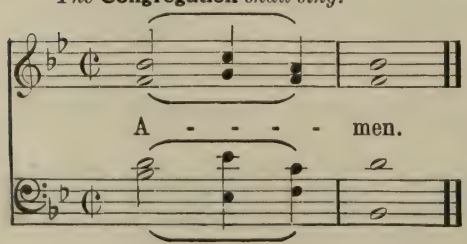
The **Minister**, *turning to the Altar, shall read on Sundays and Festival Days the proper Collect. On special occasions one of the following may be used:*

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, Thou Who hast no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that they turn from their way and live: we pray Thee that Thou wouldst mercifully avert the punishment that our sins deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Or:

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, Heavenly Father, to grant us a true faith, a firm hope in Thy mercy, and a sincere love to our fellow men, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



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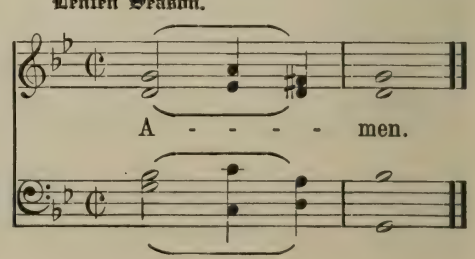


The Epistle

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and say:*

The Epistle for (*here he shall name the Sunday or Festival Day*) is written in.....

The Epistle ended, the **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, and the* **Congregation** *shall be seated. A* **Hymn** (**The Gradual**) *shall then be sung.*

The Gospel

The Hymn ended, the **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and say:*

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord and hear the Gospel for the Day as it is written in.....

The **Congregation** *shall arise, and the Gospel for the Day shall be read. The Gospel ended, the* **Minister** *and the* **Congregation** *shall say*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Or:

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen.

An **Anthem** *in harmony with the lessons for the day may here be sung. Then shall follow one or more verses of a* **Hymn** *as an introduction to the Sermon. In the meantime the* **Minister** *shall enter the Pulpit.*

The Sermon

The Sermon ended, the **Minister** *shall offer a prayer in his own words or the following:*

Praised be the Lord, and blessed forever, Who by His Word has comforted, taught, exhorted, and admonished us. May His Holy Spirit confirm the Word in our hearts, that we be not forgetful hearers, but daily increase in faith, hope, love, and patience unto the end, and obtain salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The **Church Notices** *may then be given. The* **Announcement of a Death** *within the Congregation may be made as follows:*

We are again reminded that here we have no abiding city. It has pleased the Lord in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst N. N. at the age of.....

The Lord teach us so to consider our own departure, that when the hour is come we may be prepared for a blessed entrance into the heavenly kingdom.

When **Intercession for the Sick** *is requested, the* **Minister** *shall say:*

N. N. and N. N., who are sick, desire to be remembered in the prayers of the Congregation:

Almighty and Eternal God, Thou art the health and strength of them that trust in Thee. We pray Thee that Thou wouldst look in mercy upon the sick and the needy, and especially upon Thy servants for whom we now invoke Thy mighty aid. Turn their distress unto good, and if it be Thy will restore them to health. But above all give them healing for the soul through Thy holy Word. Help them by the remembrance of the bitter passion of Thy Son patiently to bear the affliction with which Thou hast visited them. And finally, when their hour is come, deliver them from all evil and bring them safe to Thy heavenly kingdom; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Pulpit Office shall conclude with the following:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen. (2 Cor. 13. 14.)

Or:

The God of all grace, Who called you unto His eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall Himself perfect, establish, strengthen you. To Him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Pet. 5. 10, 11).

Easter and Pentecost Seasons.

Now the God of Peace, Who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13. 20, 21.)

Trinity Season.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen. (Eph. 3. 20, 21).

At the End of the Church Year.

The God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (1 Th. 5. 23).

The Offering

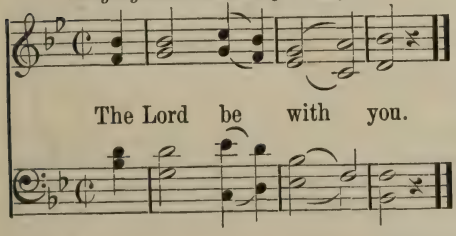
Then shall an **Offertory** *be played, or an* **Anthem** *sung, during which the* **Offering** *shall be made. The* **Minister,** *having received the offering, shall place it upon the Altar and pray as follows:*

O God, Thou Giver of all good gifts, graciously receive and bless this offering which we Thy people place upon Thine Altar, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

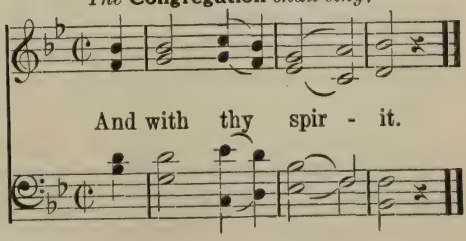
Then shall the **Congregation** *sing a* **Hymn,** *during which the* **Minister** *shall proceed to the Altar.*

The Salutation

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*



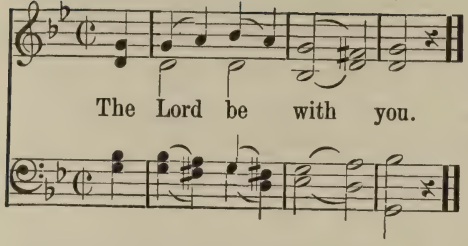
The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



* A short offertory sentence may then be sung by the Choir.

Lenten Season

The **Minister:**



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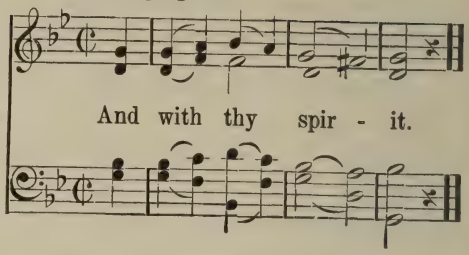

The **Minister** *shall say:*

Let us pray.

Turning to the Altar, the **Minister** *shall offer*

The General Prayer*

Almighty and most Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies. Be gracious unto us and remember not our sins. Sanctify and guide us through Thy Holy Spirit, and grant that we may walk in holiness of life according to Thy Word. Unite, strengthen, and preserve Thy Church through the Word and the Holy Sacraments. Have mercy, O Lord, on all the nations that walk in darkness and that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, and cause the saving and life-giving light of Thy Gospel to shine graciously upon them.

For Synodical and Conference Meetings. Bless those who are now assembled to deliberate concerning the welfare of Thy Church, that their counsels may further Thy glory and the upbuilding of Thy kingdom among us.

Be Thou the strength and stay of our land. Give it grace and honor. Grant health and prosperity to all in authority, especially to the President (and the Congress) of the United States, the Governor (and the Legislature) of this Commonwealth, and to all our Judges and Magistrates. Endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

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*On special Festival Days the prayers prescribed should precede the General Intercession. According to circumstances, those parts of the General Intercession referring to conditions that do not always prevail are omitted, such as the prayers for Church assemblies, for Confirmation Candidates, etc. Occasional prayers shall, when they occur, follow the General Prayer. During Lent and on special occasions the Litany may be used instead of the General Prayer.

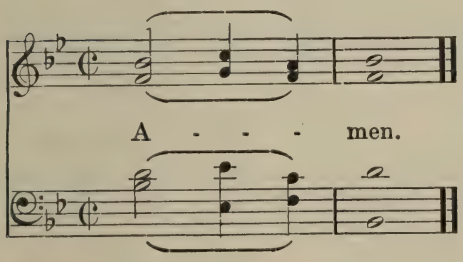
Help us, O God, that we may live together in peace and concord, with true and Christian counsel in all that we undertake. Prosper every good work, and turn away from us all harm and evil. May Thy blessing rest upon the fruits of the earth, and give success to every lawful occupation on land and sea.

Let the light of Thy Word ever shine within our homes. Keep the children of the Church in the covenant which Thou hast made with them in Holy Baptism, and give all parents and teachers grace to nurture them in Thy truth and fear. Bless, we pray Thee, the institutions of the Church: its colleges, its seminaries, and all its schools; that they may send forth men and women to serve Thee, in the Ministry of the Word, the Ministry of Mercy, and all the walks of life.

For Catechumens. Regard with special favor those who are being prepared for their first communion. Illumine their hearts and minds, and grant them unfeigned faith that they may ever walk as Thy disciples in the way of truth.

Help and comfort the sick and the poor, the oppressed and those who mourn, the afflicted and the dying. Graciously protect all widows and orphans. Support us in our last hour, and after this transitory life vouchsafe unto us eternal blessedness: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



Lenten Season.

The Lord's Prayer

The **Minister,** *together with the* **Congregation,** *shall continue:*

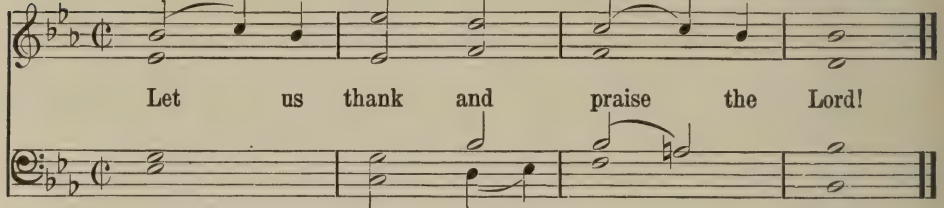
Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benedicamus

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons.

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*

Preussische Kirchenordnung, 1525.



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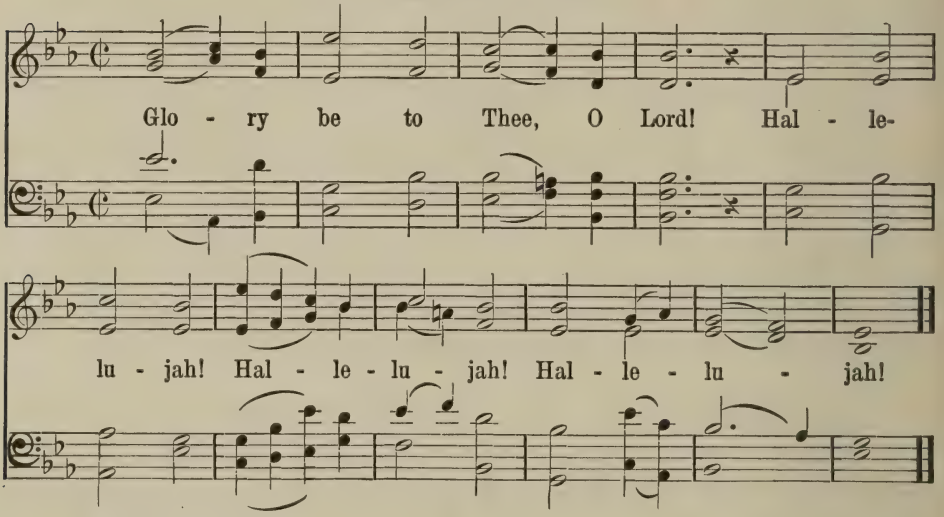
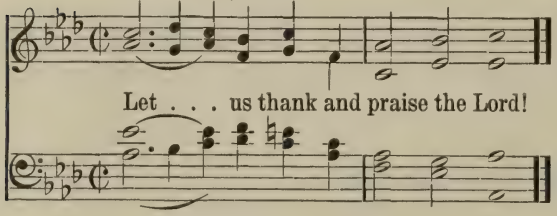


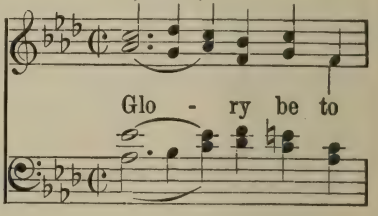
Lenten Season.

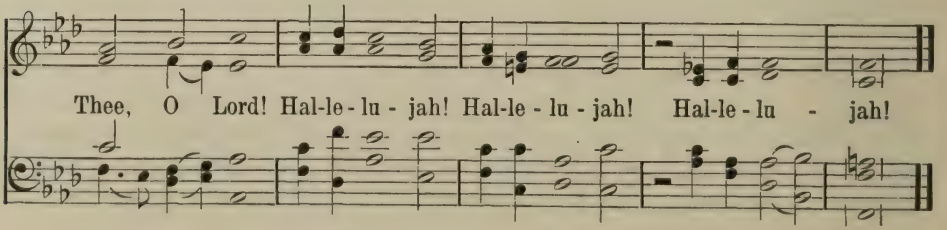
The **Minister:**



The **Congregation:**

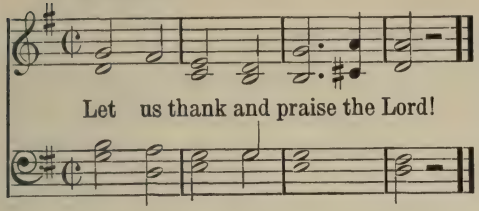
Nürnberger Agende, 1639.



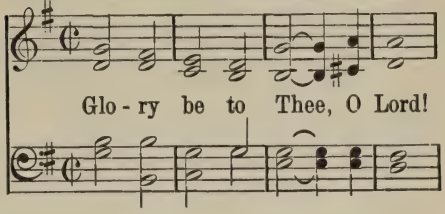


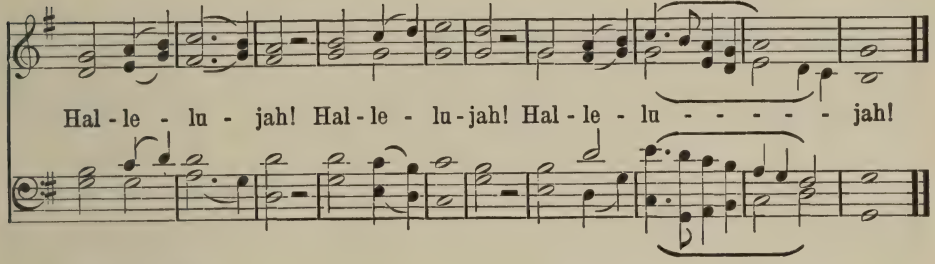
Easter and Pentecost Seasons.

The **Minister:**



The **Congregation:** SPANGENBERG, 1545.





Trinity Season.

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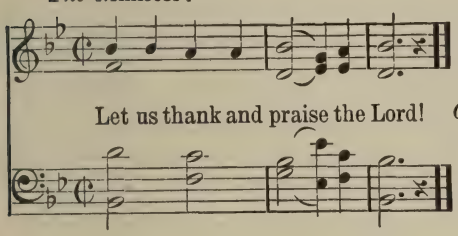

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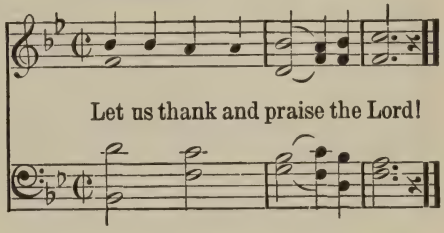
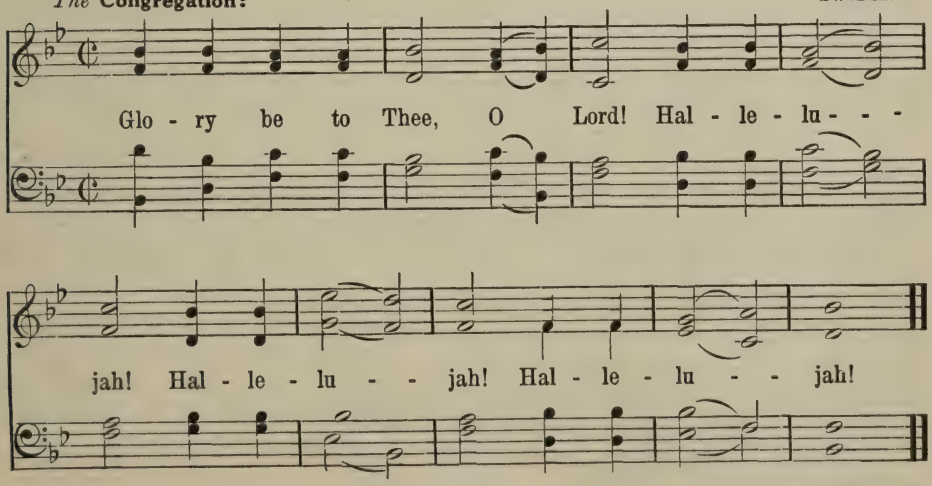


The **Congregation:** Swedish.



The Benediction

Then shall the **Minister** *say:*

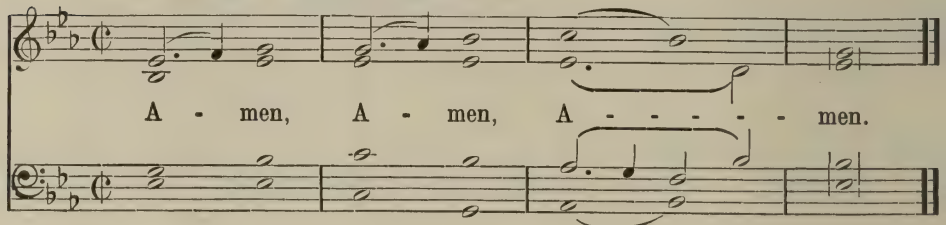
Bow your hearts to God, and receive the Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, and the* **Congregation** *shall sing:*

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons.



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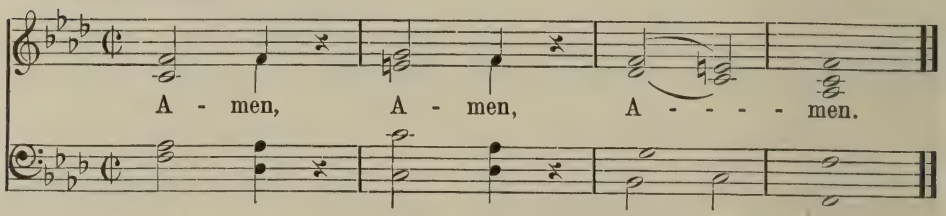
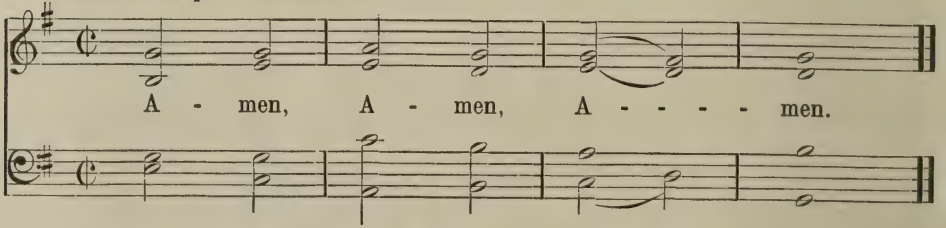
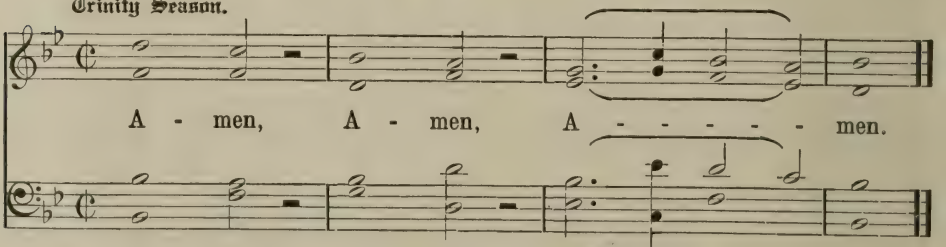


Easter and Pentecost Seasons.



Trinity Season.



The Service shall close with silent prayer, while the **Congregation** *remains standing and the* **Minister** *kneels before the Altar.*

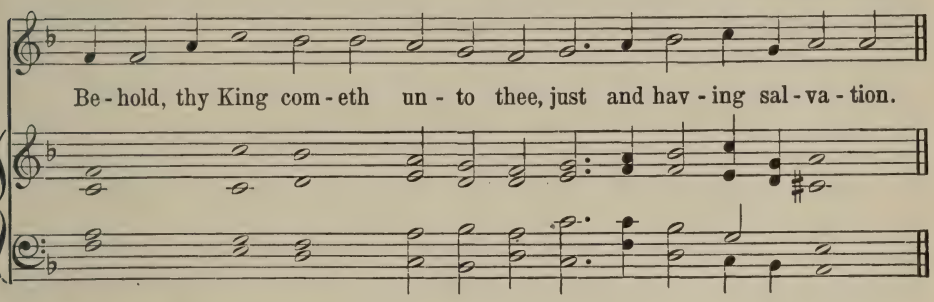
The Introits

After the opening Hymn of the Service, where circumstances permit, the following Introits may be used.

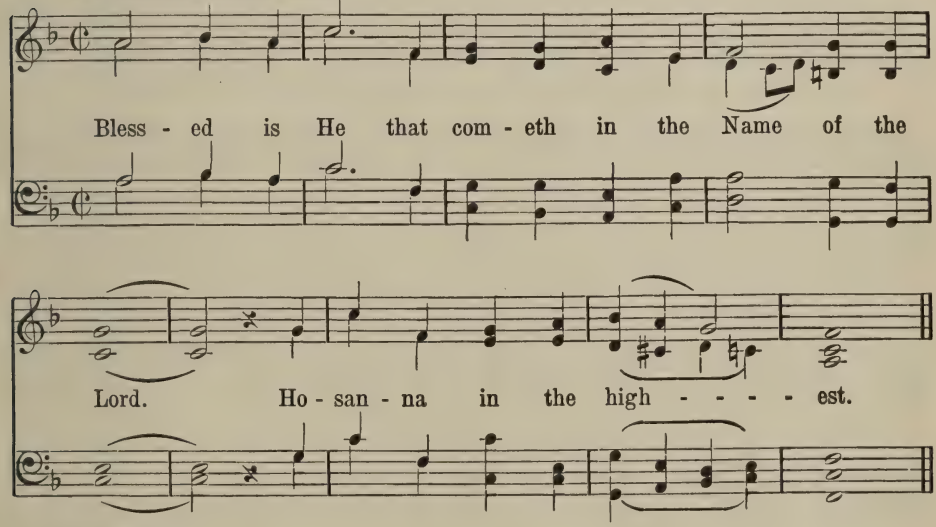
First Sunday in Advent

The **Minister,** *turning to the Congregation, shall sing or say:*

GUSTAF HÄGG.



The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



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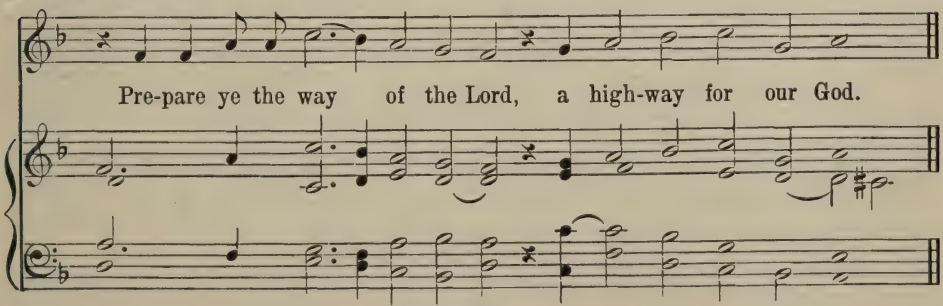

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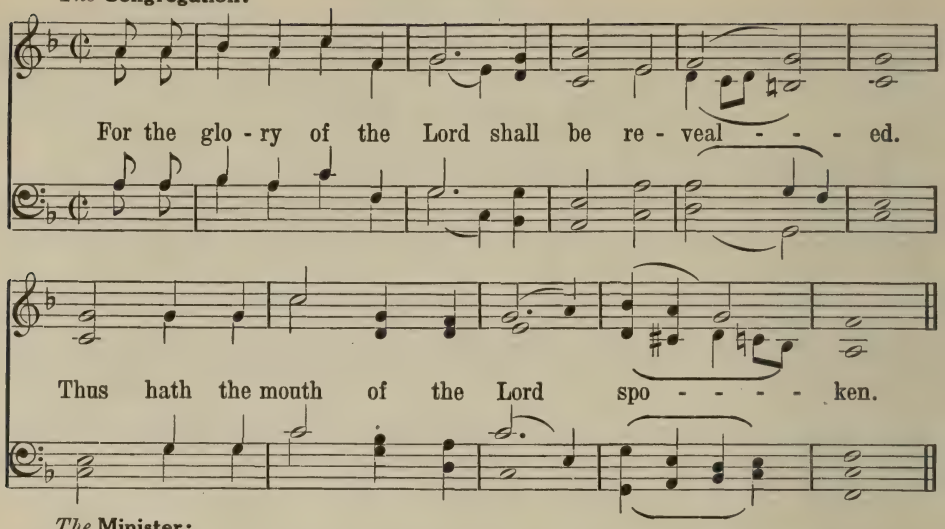

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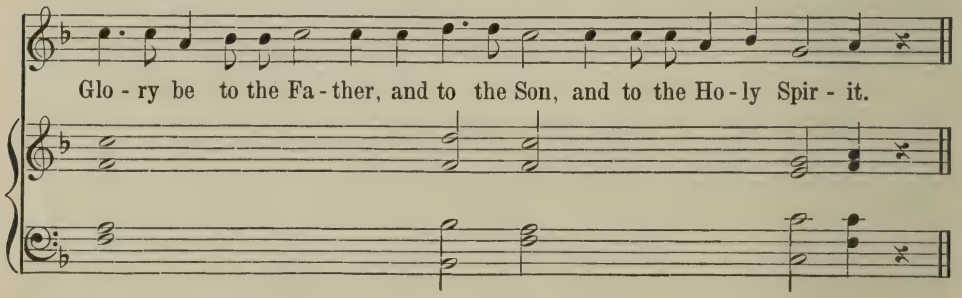

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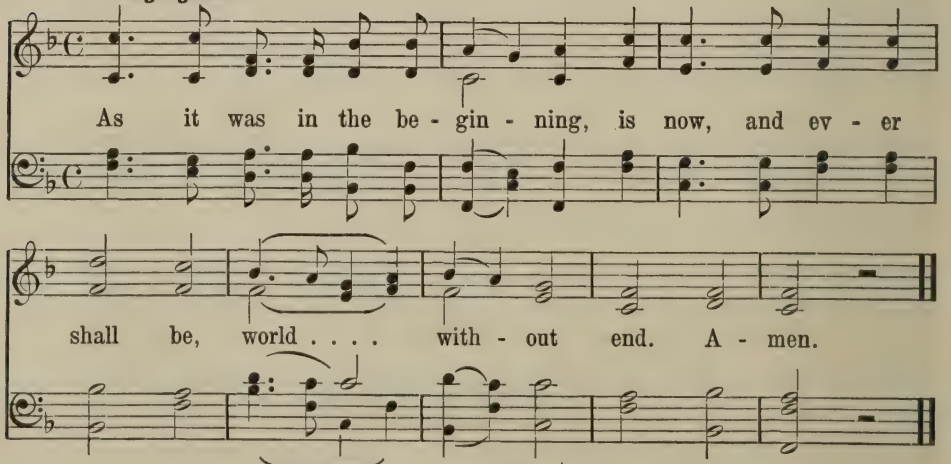

Thereafter the **Minister** *shall say:*

The Lord is in His holy temple, etc.*

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Christmas Day

The **Minister,** *turning to the Congregation, shall sing or say:*

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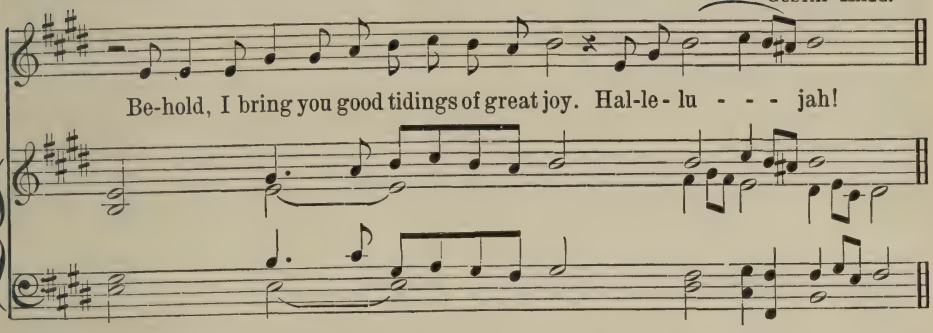
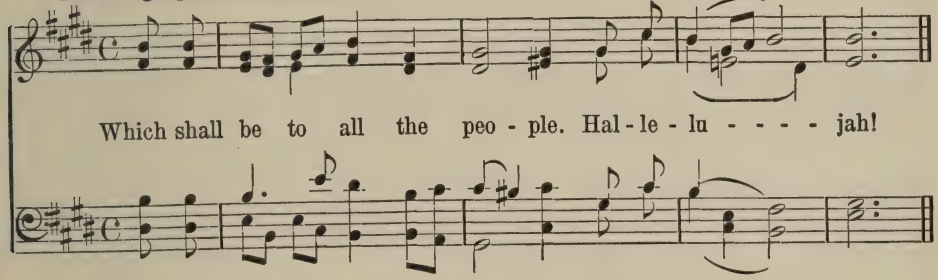


The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



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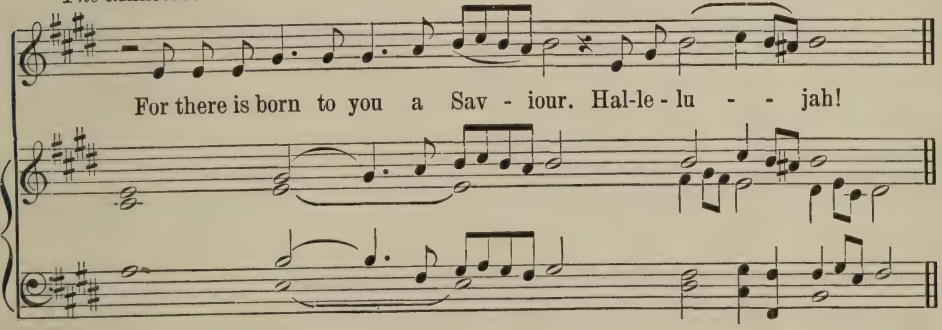

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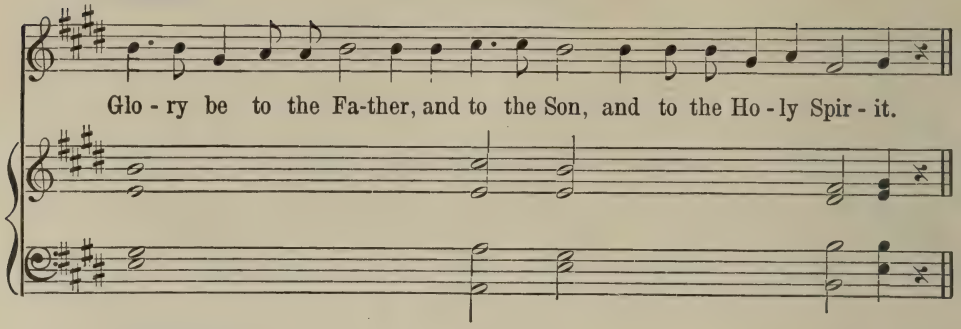

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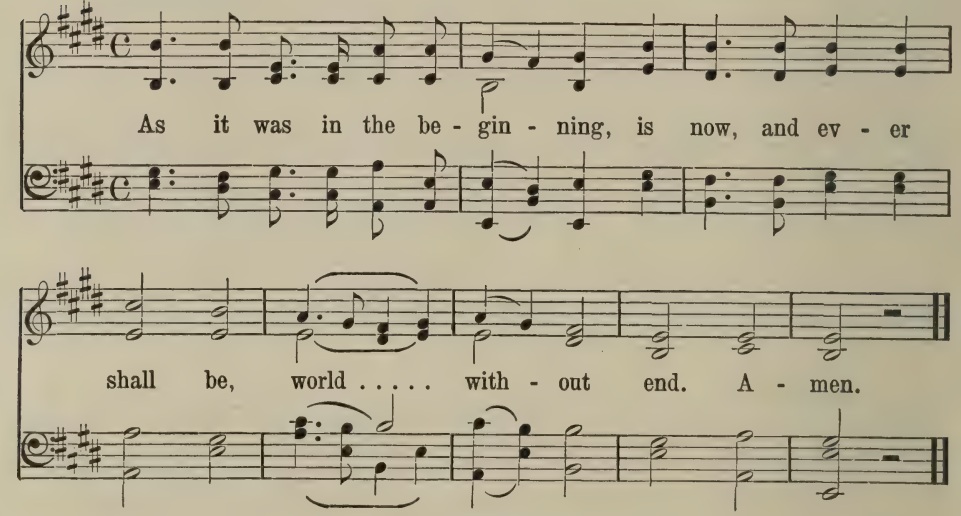

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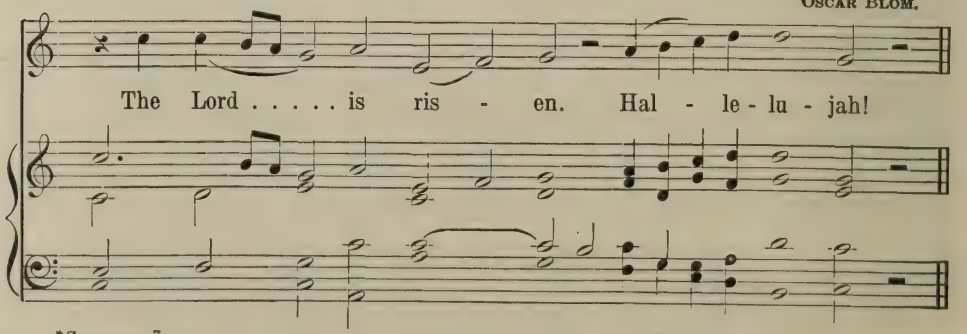
The Lord is in His holy temple, etc.*

Easter Day

The **Minister,** *turning to the Congregation, shall sing or say:*

OSCAR BLOM.



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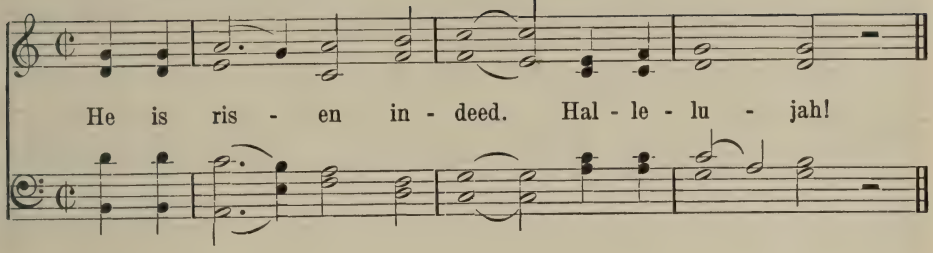
The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



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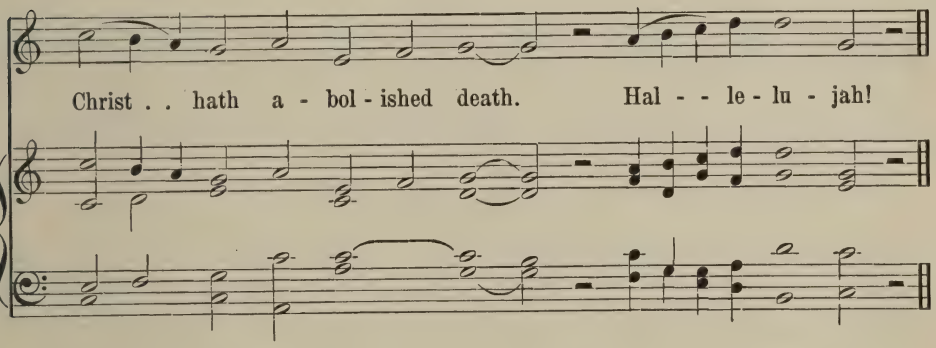

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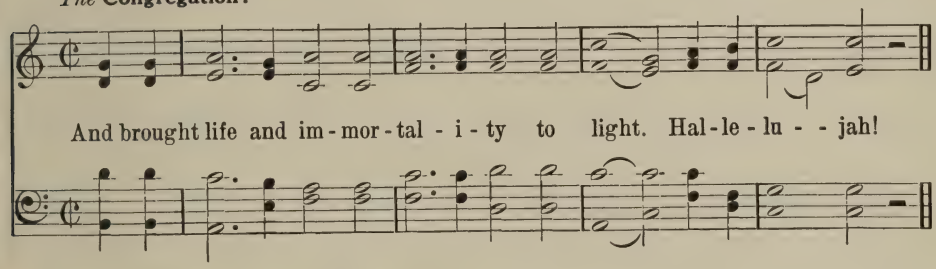

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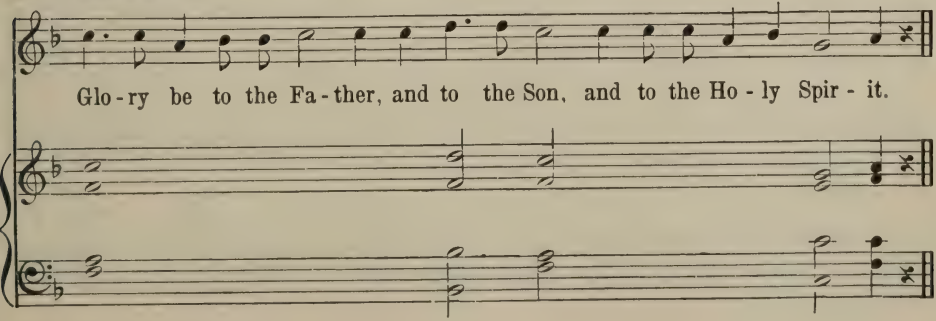

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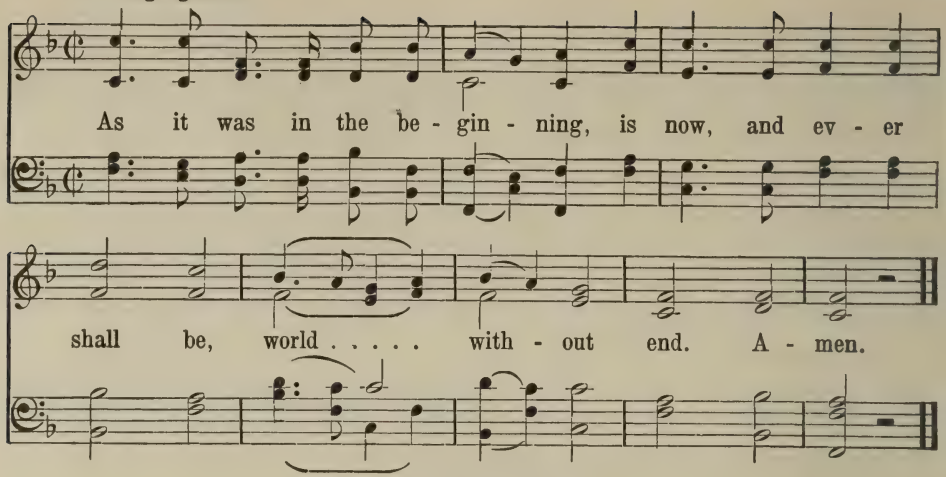


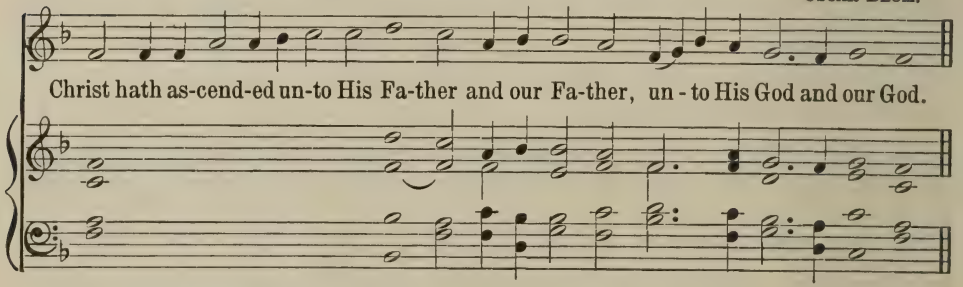
Thereafter the **Minister** *shall say;*

The Lord is in His holy temple, etc.*

Ascension Day

The **Minister,** *turning to the Congregation, shall sing or say;*

OSCAR BLOM.



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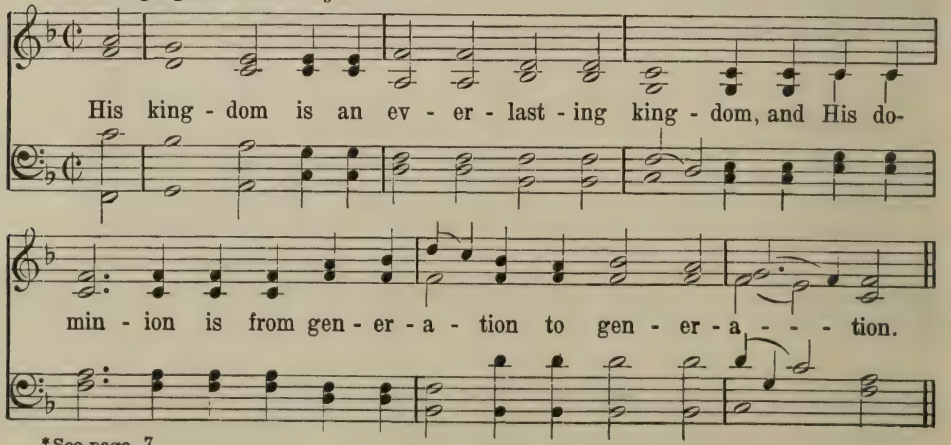

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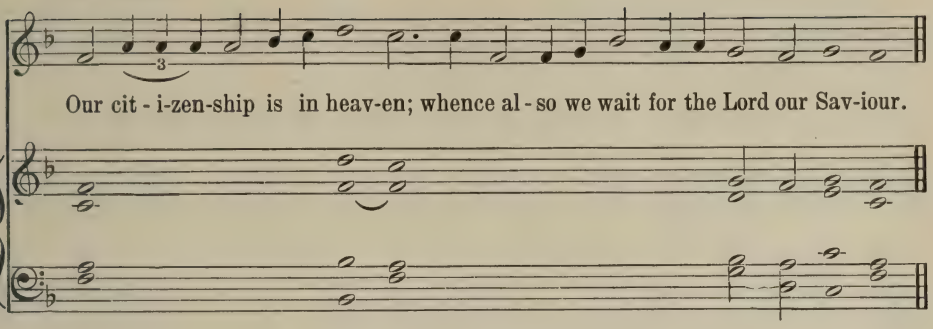

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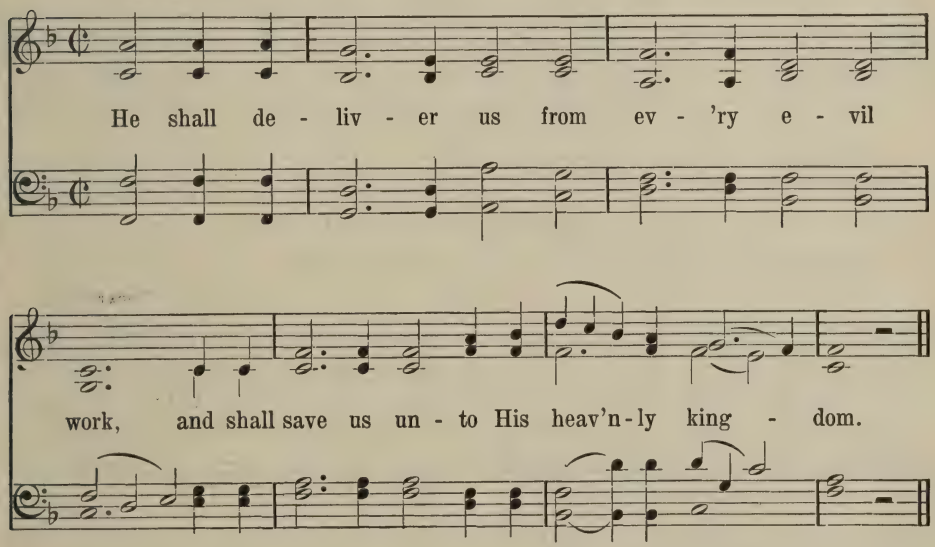

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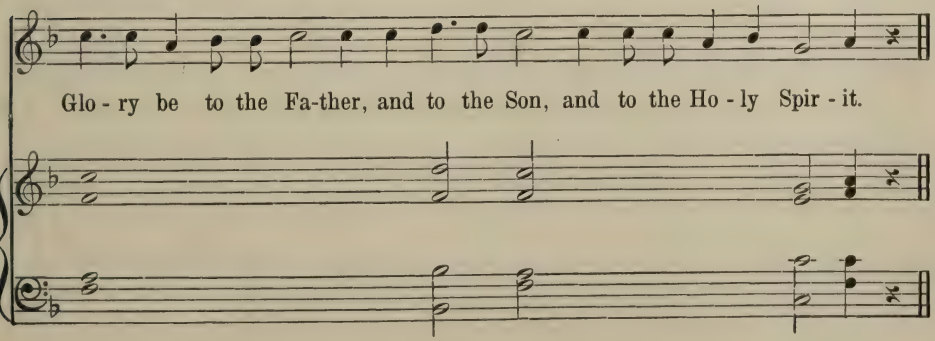

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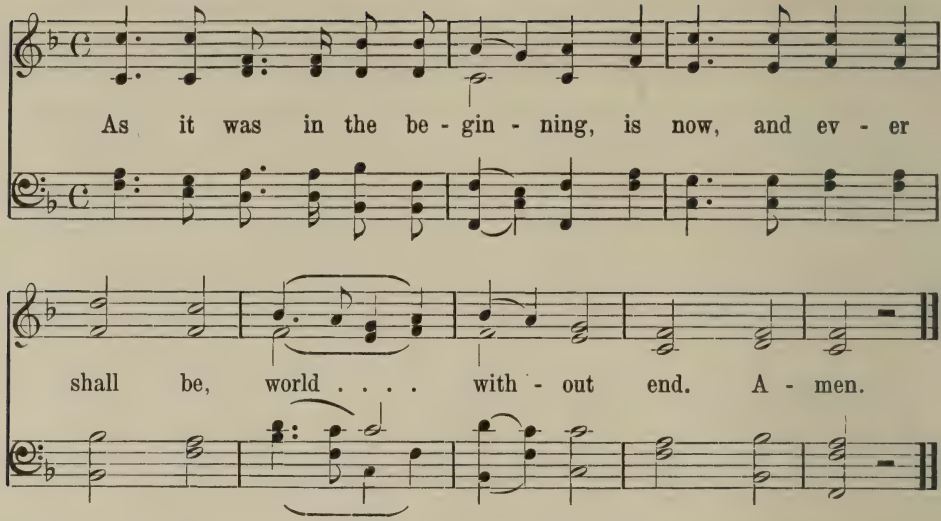

Thereafter the **Minister** *shall say:*

The Lord is in His holy temple, etc.*

Pentecost (Whitsunday)

The **Minister,** *turning to the Congregation, shall sing or say:*

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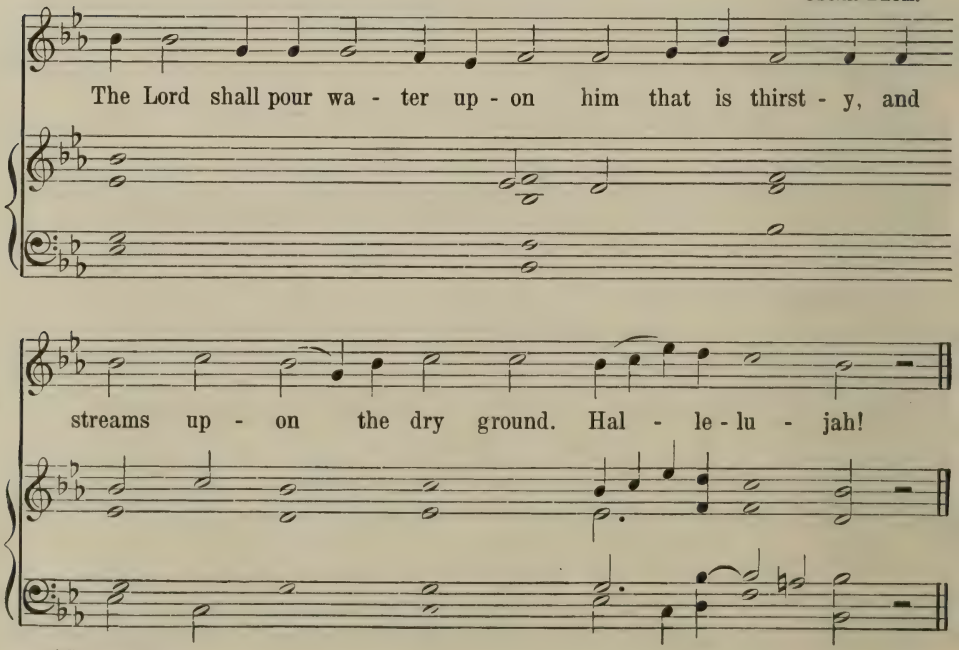

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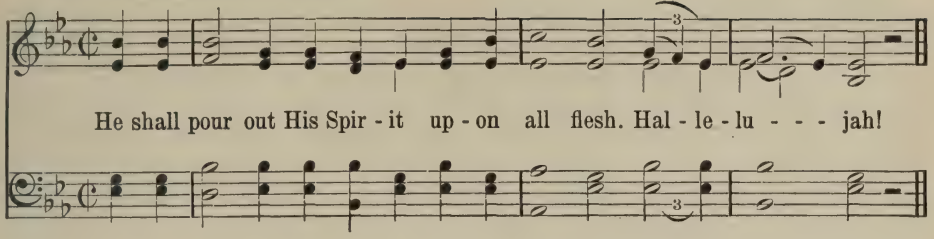

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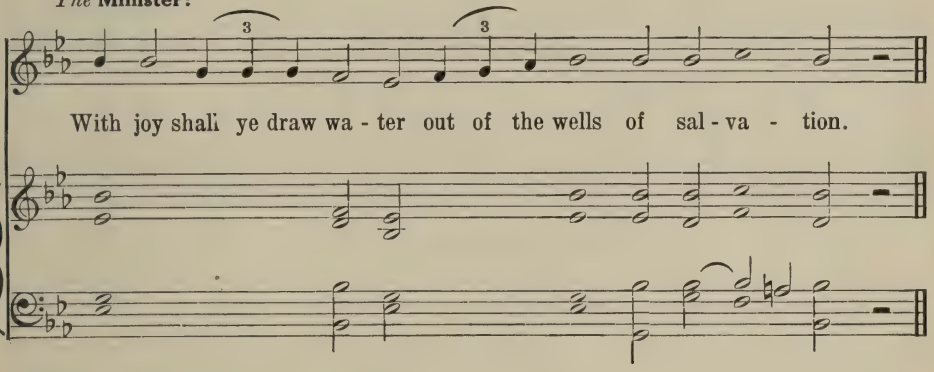

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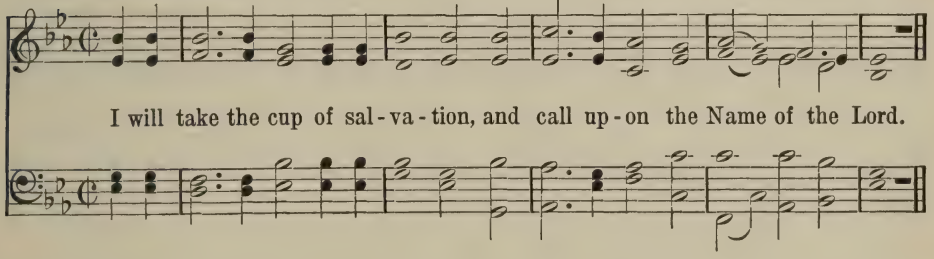

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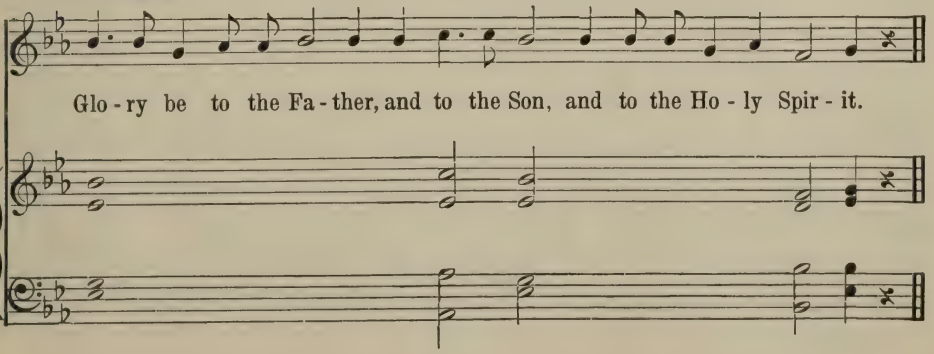

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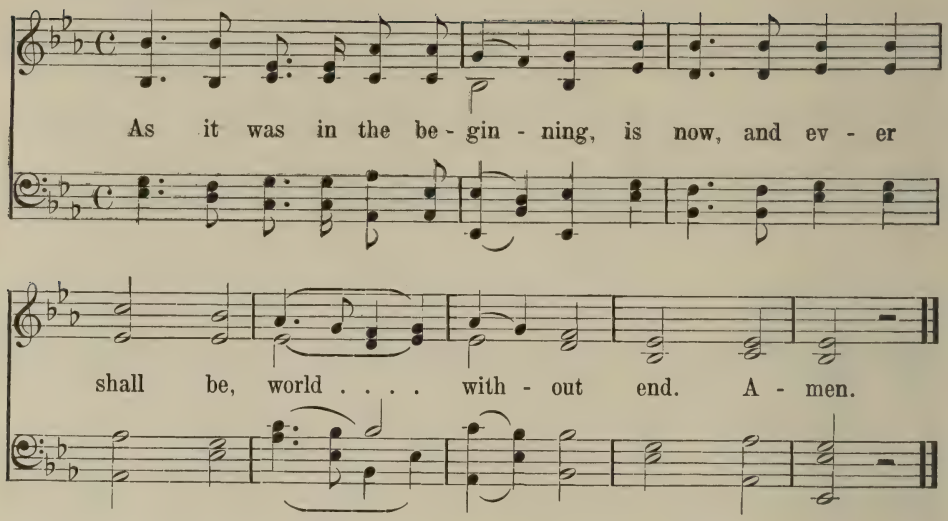


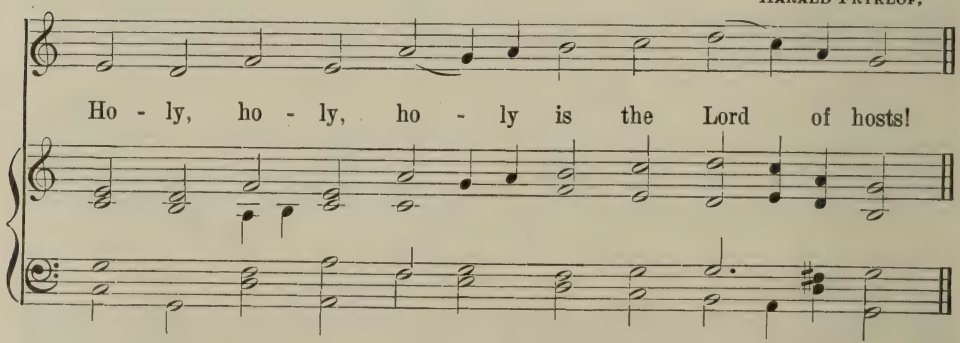
Thereafter the **Minister** *shall say:*

The Lord is in His holy temple, etc.*

Trinity Sunday

The **Minister,** *turning to the Congregation, shall sing or say:*

HARALD FRYKLÖF.



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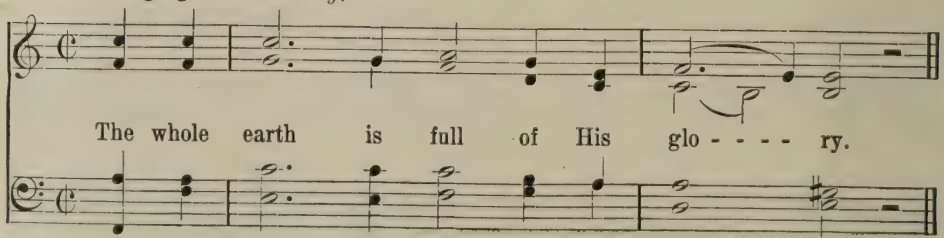

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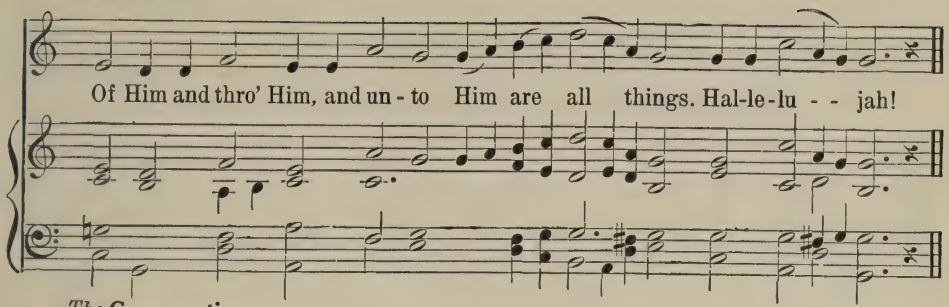

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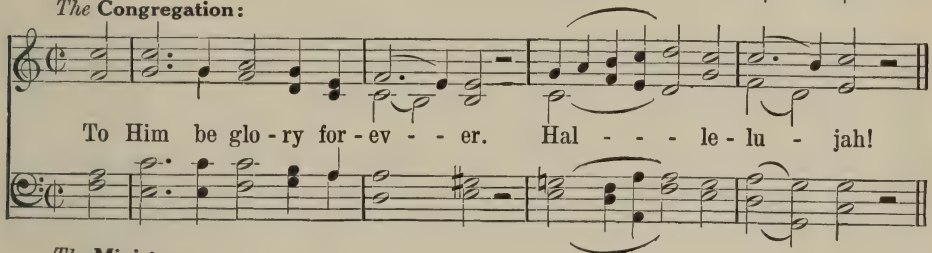

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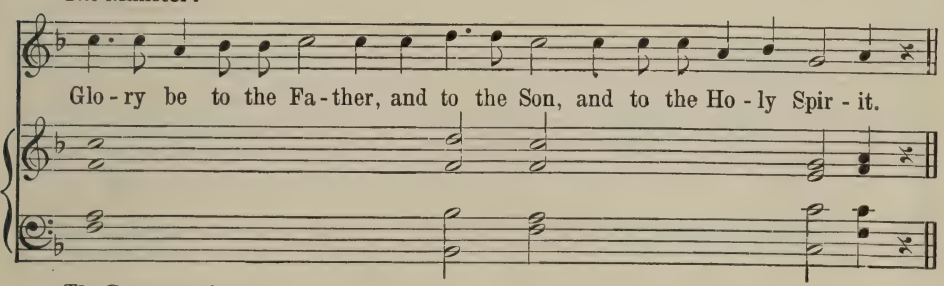

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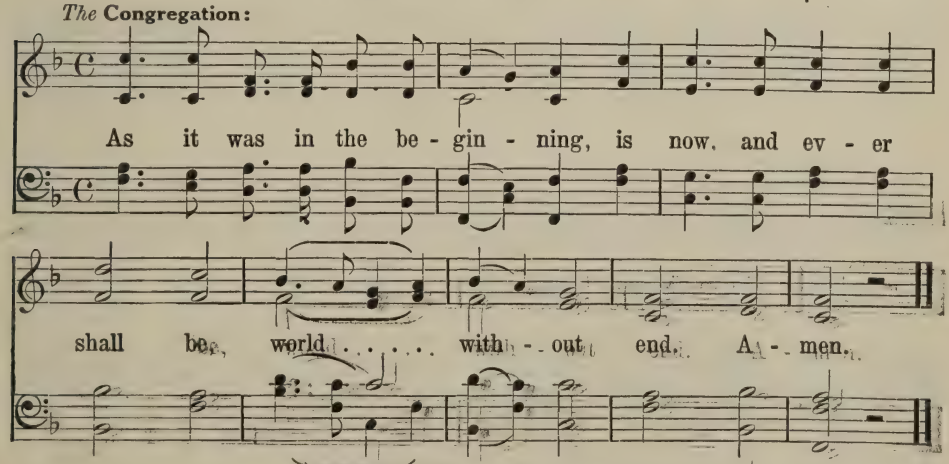

Thereafter the **Minister** *shall say:*

The Lord is in His holy temple, etc.*

*See page 17.

The Festival of the Reformation

The **Minister,** *turning to the Congregation, shall sing or say;*

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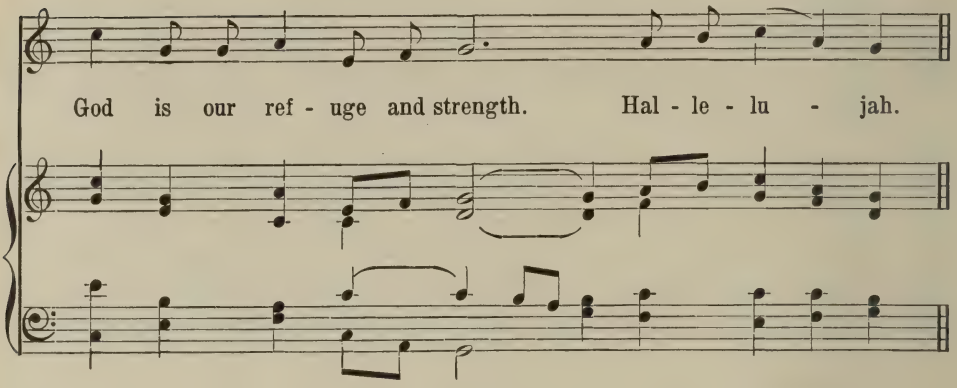
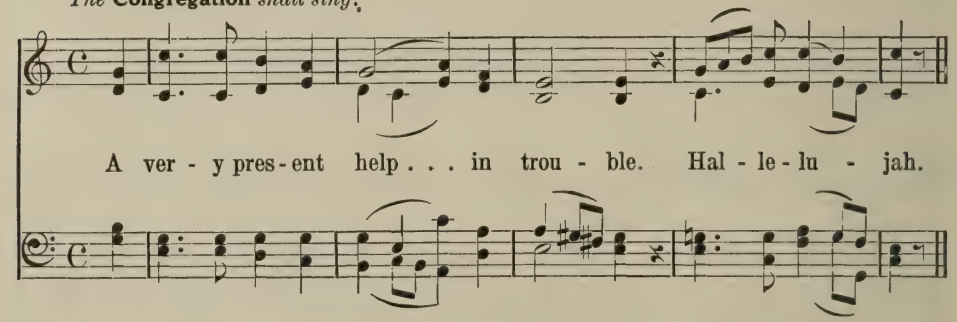


The **Congregation** *shall sing;*



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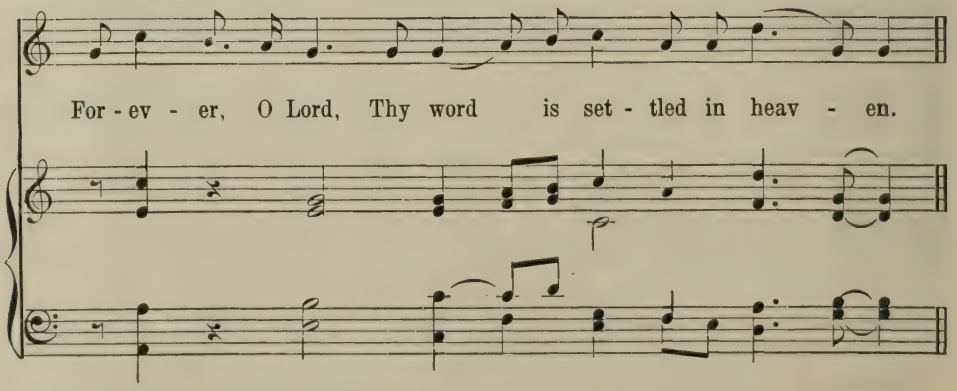

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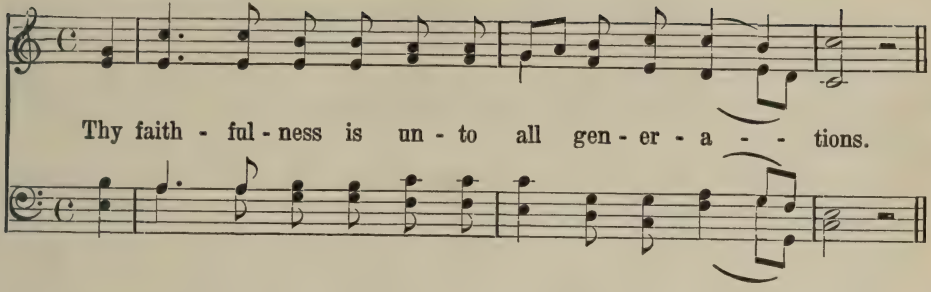

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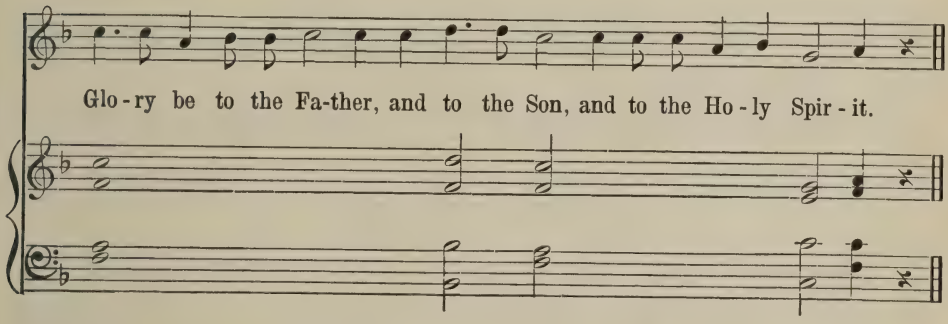

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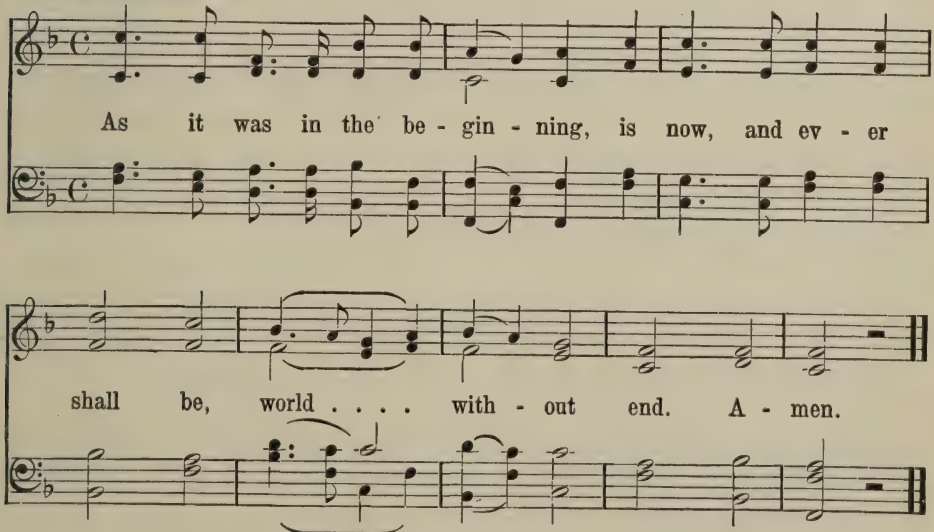


Thereafter the **Minister** *shall say:*

The Lord is in His holy temple, etc.*

*See page 7.

The Holy Communion

With the Full Service

The Service shall begin with an appropriate **Hymn.** *During the singing the* **Minister** *shall proceed to the Altar and kneel in prayer. After the singing he shall rise, turn to the Congregation and say:*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Communion Sermon

Here shall follow a brief **Communion Sermon,** *after which the* **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, kneel, and with the* **Congregation** *unite in the following* **Confession of Sins:**

The Confession of Sins

Holy and righteous God, merciful Father, we confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. We have not loved Thee above all things, nor our neighbor as ourselves, and are worthy, therefore, to be cast away from Thy presence, if Thou shouldst judge us according to our sins. But Thou hast promised, O heavenly Father, to receive with tender mercy all penitent sinners who turn unto Thee and with a living faith seek refuge in Thy Fatherly compassion and in the merits of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Their transgressions Thou wilt not regard, nor impute unto them their sins. Relying upon Thy promise, we confidently beseech Thee to be merciful and gracious unto us and to forgive us all our sins, to the praise and glory of Thy Holy Name.

The Absolution

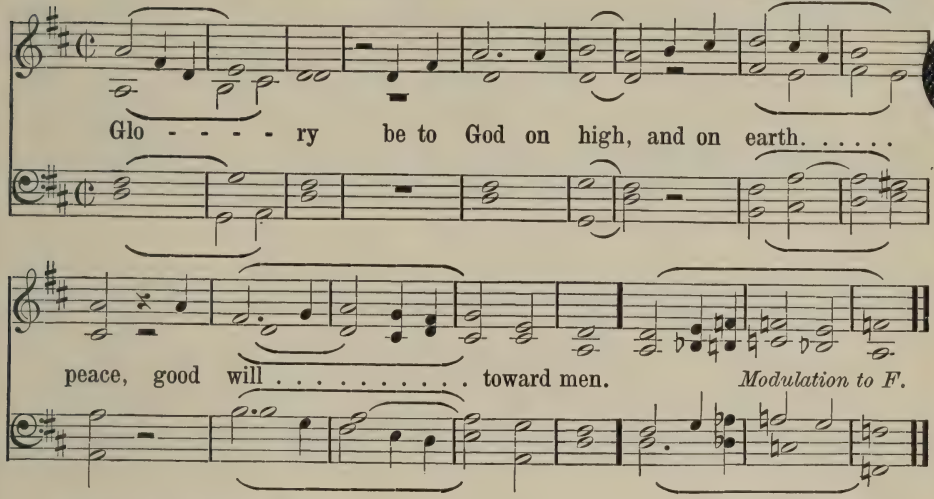
The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and pronounce the Absolution:*

If this be your sincere confession, and if with penitent hearts you earnestly desire the forgiveness of your sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, God, according to His promise, forgiveth you all your sins; and by the authority of God's Word and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare unto you that God, through His grace, hath forgiven all your sins; in the Name of God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The **Minister,** *still turned to the Congregation, shall sing or say:*

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons. Adapted from Bjuråkers Handskrift.



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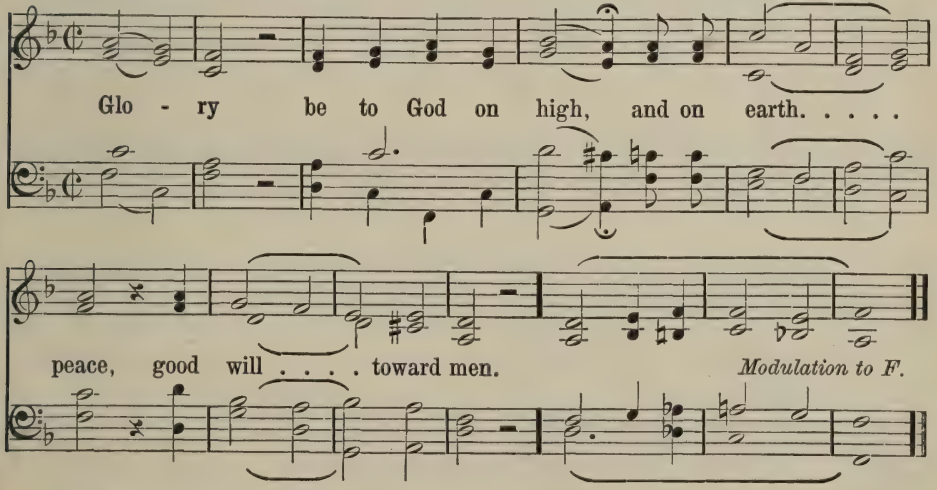

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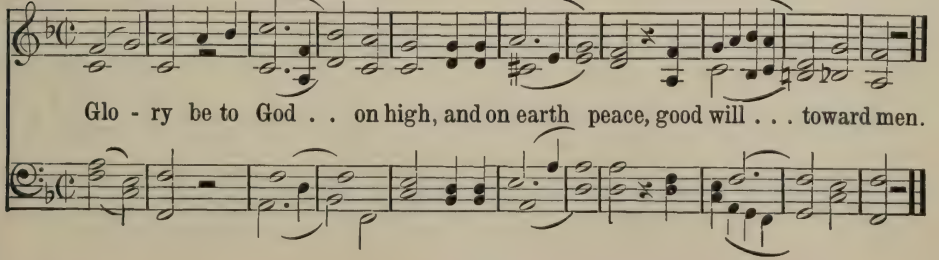

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, and with the* **Congregation** *shall sing:*

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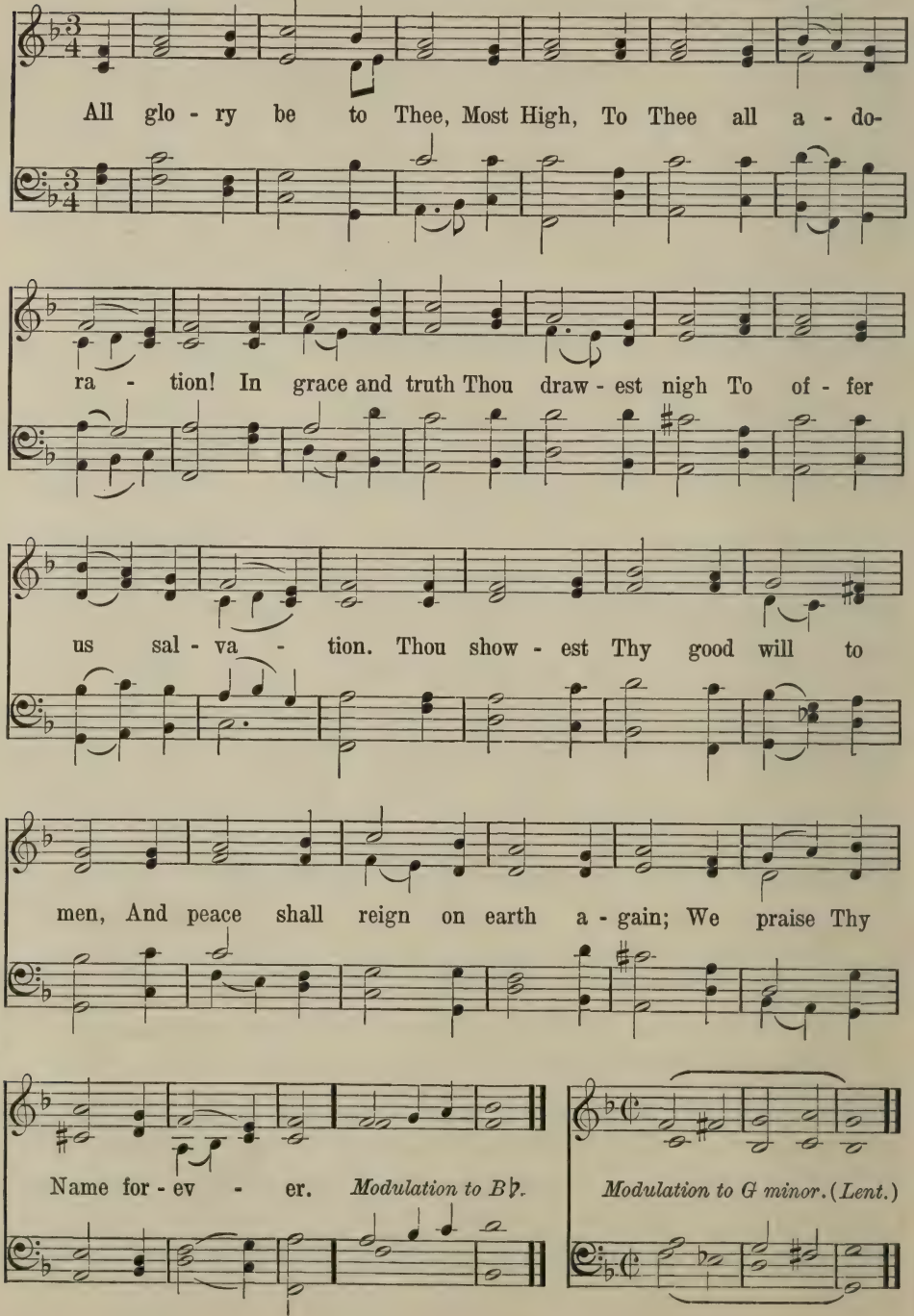
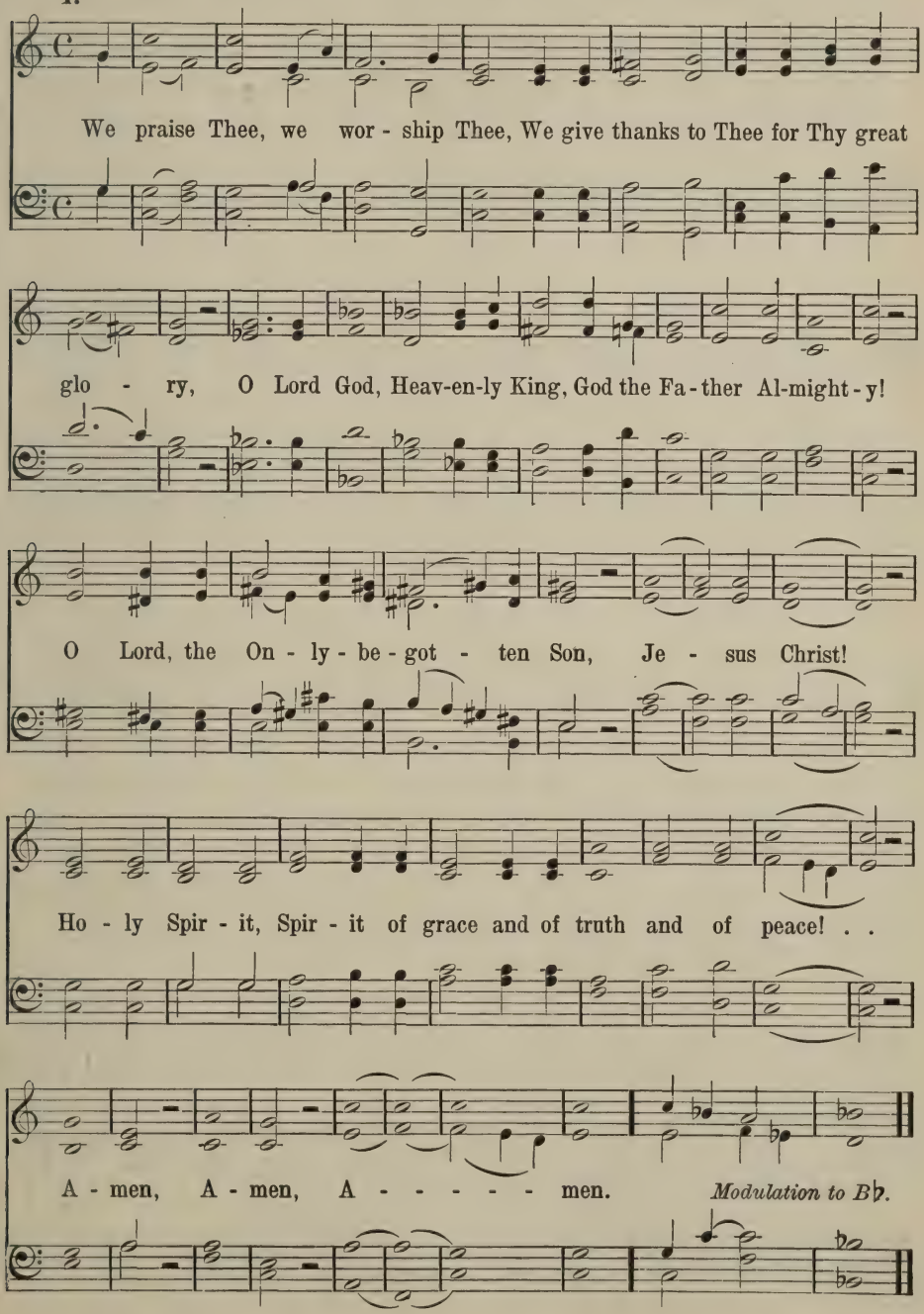

All glo - ry be to Thee, Most High, To Thee all a - do-
ra - tion! In grace and truth Thou draw - est nigh To of - fer
us sal - va - tion. Thou show - est Thy good will to
men, And peace shall reign on earth a - gain; We praise Thy
Name for - ev - er.
Modulation to B♭.
Modulation to G minor. (Lent.)

On Festival days, or on any Sunday except during Lent, the following **(I. or II.)** *may be sung instead of "All glory be to Thee, Most High."*

I.


We praise Thee, we wor - ship Thee, We give thanks to Thee for Thy great
glo - ry, O Lord God, Heav-en-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al-might - y!
O Lord, the On - ly - be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ!
Ho - ly Spir - it, Spir - it of grace and of truth and of peace! . .
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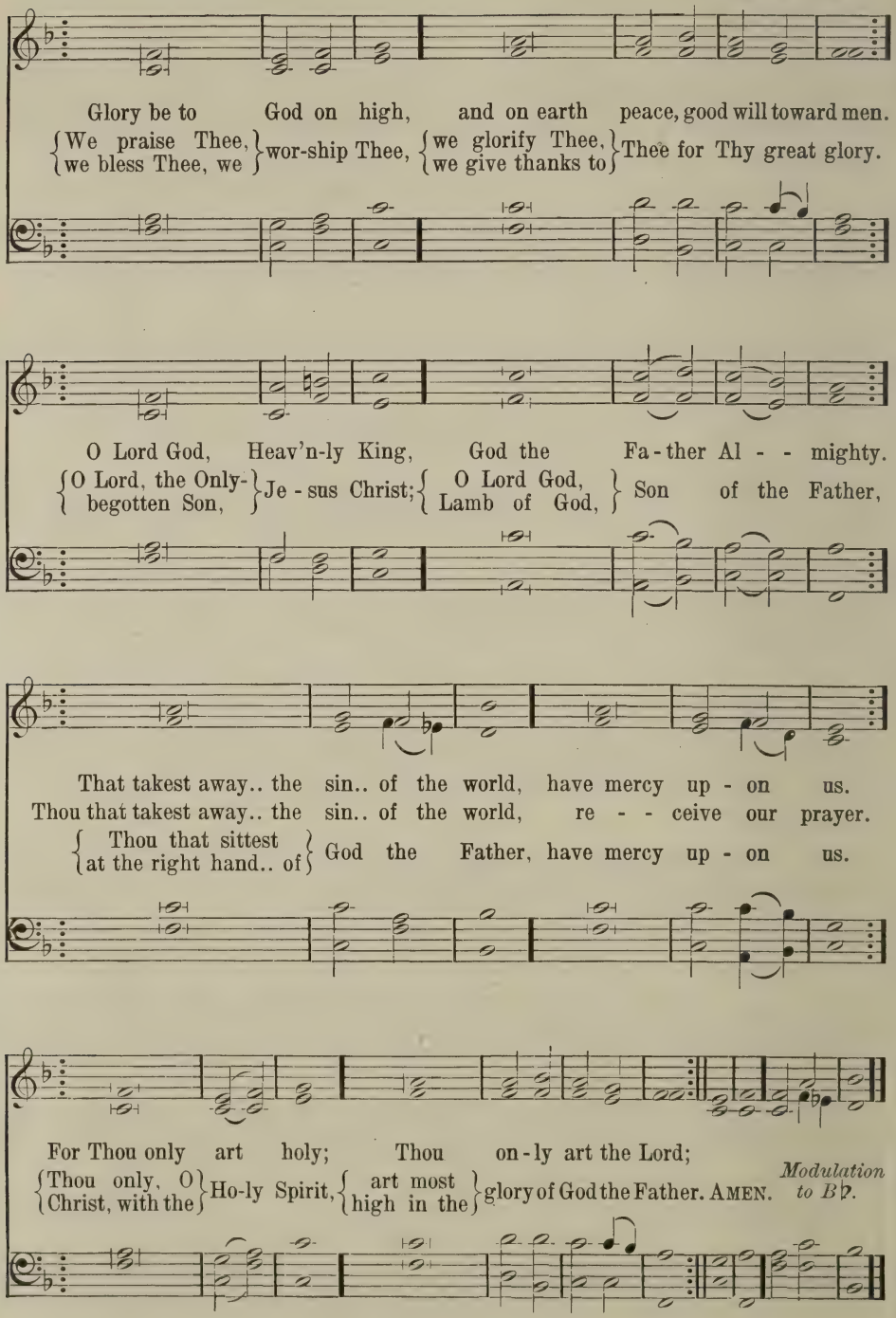
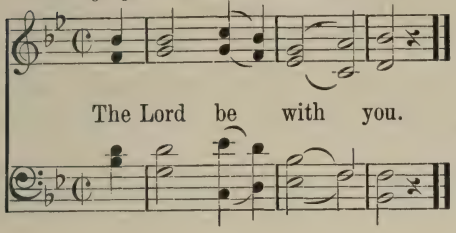
II. Old Scottish Chant.


Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, Heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away.. the sin.. of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away.. the sin.. of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand.. of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, art most high in the glory of God the Father. AMEN.
Modulation to B♭.

The Salutation

Then the **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*



The **Congregation** *shall sing:*

Lenten Season

The **Minister:**

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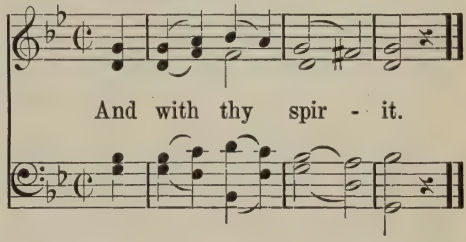


Then the **Minister** *shall say:*

Let us pray.

The Collect

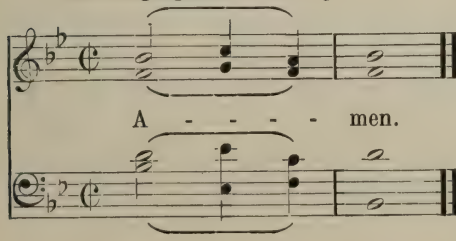
The **Minister**, *turning to the Altar, shall read on Sundays and Festival Days the proper Collect. On special occasions one of the following may be used:*

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, Thou Who hast no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that they turn from their way and live; we pray Thee that Thou wouldst mercifully avert the punishment that our sins deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Or:

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, Heavenly Father, to grant us a true faith, a firm hope in Thy mercy, and a sincere love to our fellow-men, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



Lenten Season.

The Epistle

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and say:*

The Epistle for (*here he shall name the Sunday or Festival Day*) is written in.....

The Epistle ended, the **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, and the* **Congregation** *shall be seated. A* **Hymn** (**The Gradual**) *shall then be sung.*

The Gospel

The Hymn ended, the **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and say:*

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord and hear the Gospel for the Day as it is written in.....

The **Congregation** *shall arise, and the Gospel for the Day shall be read. The Gospel ended, the* **Minister** *and the* **Congregation** *shall say*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Or:

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen.

An **Anthem** *in harmony with the lessons for the day may here be sung. Then shall follow one or more verses of a* **Hymn** *as an introduction to the Sermon. In the meantime the* **Minister** *shall enter the Pulpit.*

The Sermon

The Sermon ended, the **Minister** *shall offer a prayer in his own words or the following:*

Praised be the Lord, and blessed forever, Who by His Word has comforted, taught, exhorted, and admonished us. May His Holy Spirit confirm the Word in our hearts, that we be not forgetful hearers, but daily increase in faith, hope, love, and patience unto the end, and obtain salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The **Church Notices** *may then be given. The* **Announcement of a Death** *within the Congregation may be made as follows:*

We are again reminded that here we have no abiding city. It has pleased the Lord in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst N. N. at the age of.....

The Lord teach us so to consider our own departure, that when the hour is come we may be prepared for a blessed entrance into the heavenly kingdom.

When **Intercession for the Sick** *is requested, the* **Minister** *shall say:*

N. N. and N. N., who are sick, desire to be remembered in the prayers of the Congregation:

Almighty and Eternal God, Thou art the health and strength of them that trust in Thee. We pray Thee that Thou wouldst look in mercy upon the sick and the needy, and especially upon Thy servants for whom we now invoke Thy mighty aid. Turn their distress unto good, and if it be Thy will restore them to health. But above all give them healing for the soul through Thy holy Word. Help them by the remembrance of the bitter passion of Thy Son patiently to bear the affliction with which Thou hast visited them. And finally, when their hour is come, deliver them from all evil and bring them safe to Thy heavenly kingdom; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Pulpit Office shall conclude with the following:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen. (2 Cor. 13. 14.)

Or:

The God of all grace, Who called you unto His eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall Himself perfect, establish, strengthen you. To Him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Pet. 5. 10, 11).

Easter and Pentecost Seasons.

Now the God of Peace, Who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13. 20, 21.)

Trinity Season.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen. (Eph. 3. 20, 21).

At the End of the Church Year.

The God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (1 Th. 5. 23).

The Offering

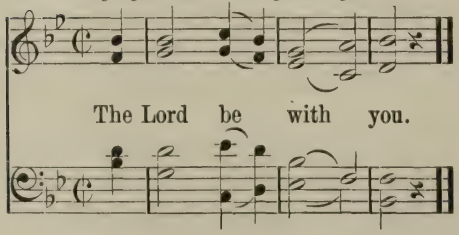
Then shall an **Offertory** *be played, or an* **Anthem** *sung, during which the* **Offering** *shall be made. The* **Minister,** *having received the offering, shall place it upon the Altar and pray as follows:*

O God, Thou Giver of all good gifts, graciously receive and bless this offering which we Thy people place upon Thine Altar, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

Then shall the **Congregation** *sing a* **Hymn,** *during which the* **Minister** *shall proceed to the Altar.*

The Salutation

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*



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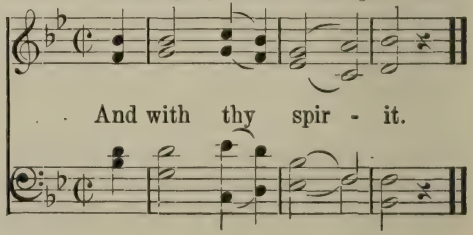
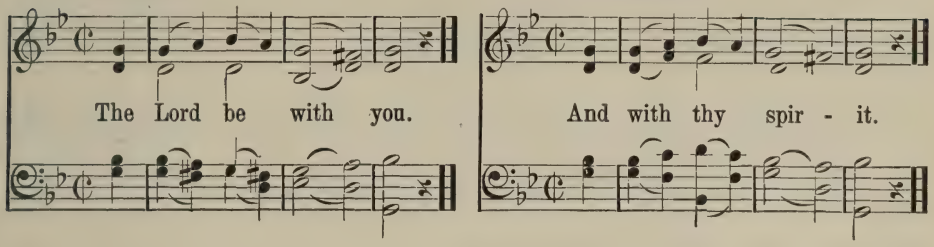


* A short offertory sentence may then be sung by the Choir.

Lenten Season

The **Minister:** *The* **Congregation:**



The **Minister** *shall say:*

Let us pray.

Turning to the Altar, the **Minister** *shall offer*

The General Prayer*

Almighty and most Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies. Be gracious unto us and remember not our sins. Sanctify and guide us through Thy Holy Spirit, and grant that we may walk in holiness of life according to Thy Word. Unite, strengthen, and preserve Thy Church through the Word and the Holy Sacraments. Have mercy, O Lord, on all the nations that walk in darkness and that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, and cause the saving and life-giving light of Thy Gospel to shine graciously upon them.

For Synodical and Conference Meetings. Bless those who are now assembled to deliberate concerning the welfare of Thy Church, that their counsels may further Thy glory and the upbuilding of Thy kingdom among us.

Be Thou the strength and stay of our land. Give it grace and honor. Grant health and prosperity to all in authority, especially to the President (and the Congress) of the United States, the Governor (and the Legislature)

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*On special Festival Days the prayers prescribed should precede the General Intercession. According to circumstances, those parts of the General Intercession referring to conditions that do not always prevail are omitted, such as the prayers for Church assemblies, for Confirmation Candidates, etc. Occasional prayers shall, when they occur, follow the General Prayer. During Lent and on special occasions the Litany may be used instead of the General Prayer.

of this Commonwealth, and to all our Judges and Magistrates. Endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Help us, O God, that we may live together in peace and concord, with true and Christian counsel in all that we undertake. Prosper every good work, and turn away from us all harm and evil. May Thy blessing rest upon the fruits of the earth, and give success to every lawful occupation on land and sea.

Let the light of Thy Word ever shine within our homes. Keep the children of the Church in the covenant which Thou hast made with them in Holy Baptism, and give all parents and teachers grace to nurture them in Thy truth and fear. Bless, we pray Thee, the institutions of the Church: its colleges, its seminaries, and all its schools; that they may send forth men and women to serve Thee, in the Ministry of the Word, the Ministry of Mercy, and all the walks of life.

For Catechumens. Regard with special favor those who are being prepared for their first communion. Illumine their hearts and minds, and grant them unfeigned faith that they may ever walk as Thy disciples in the way of truth.

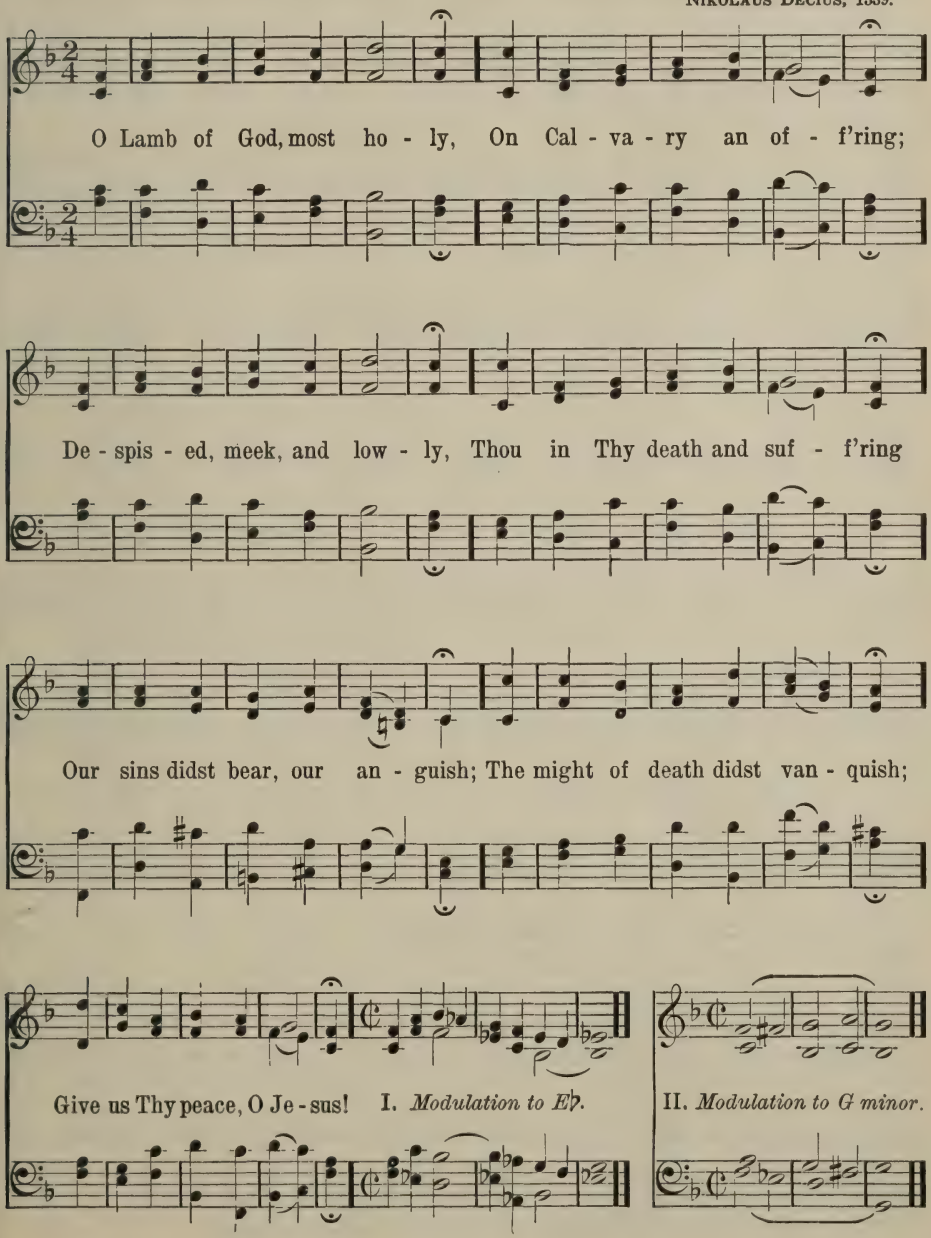
Help and comfort the sick and the poor, the oppressed and those who mourn, the afflicted and the dying. Graciously protect all widows and orphans. Support us in our last hour, and after this transitory life vouchsafe unto us eternal blessedness: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The **Congregation** *shall sing:* **Lenten Season.**

O Lamb of God, Most Holy

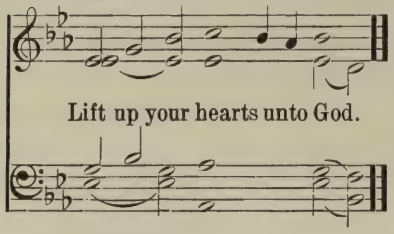
Then the **Congregation** *shall sing,* **"O Lamb of God, Most Holy,"** *while the* **Minister** *makes ready the elements of the Sacrament on the Altar.*

NIKOLAUS DECIUS, 1539.


O Lamb of God, most ho - ly, On Cal - va - ry an of - f'ring;
De - spis - ed, meek, and low - ly, Thou in Thy death and suf - f'ring
Our sins didst bear, our an - guish; The might of death didst van - quish;
Give us Thy peace, O Je - sus!
I. Modulation to E♭.
II. Modulation to G minor.

The Preface

I. * *The* **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*



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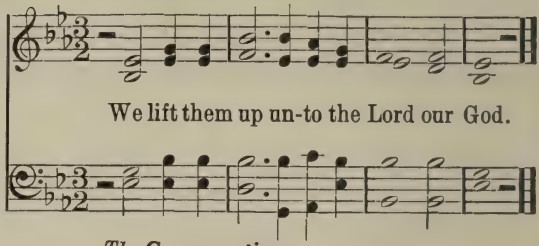

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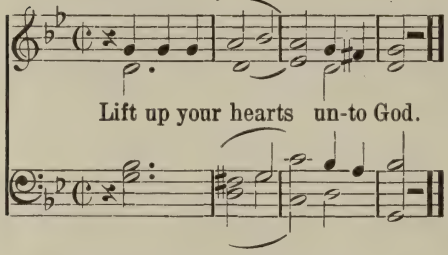

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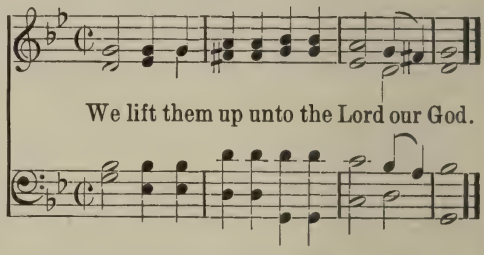

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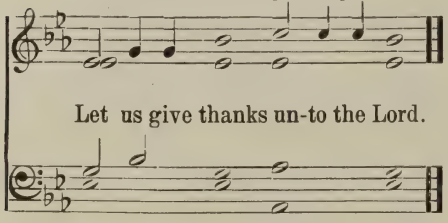

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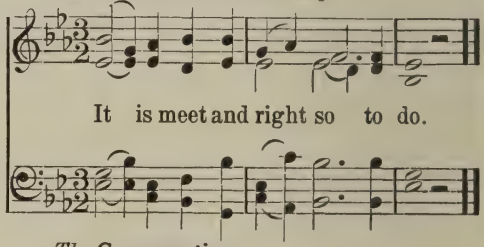

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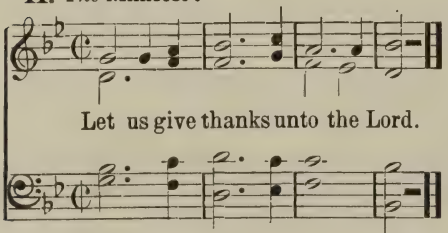

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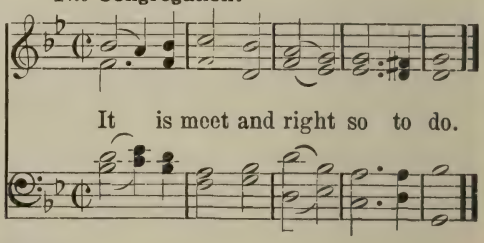

Vere Dignum

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar and say:*

It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is our Paschal Lamb, offered for us, the innocent Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. As He hath conquered death, is risen again, and liveth for evermore, even so all they who put their trust in Him shall through Him be victorious over sin and death, and inherit eternal life. And in order that we may keep in remembrance His unspeakable mercy, He hath instituted His Holy Supper.

* The setting chosen (I. or II.) shall be followed consistently throughout the service.

The Words of Institution

Then shall the **Minister** *say:*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner, also, when He had supped, He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this Cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

The Lord's Prayer

The **Minister,** *together with the* **Congregation,** *shall say:*

Our Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sanctus

Then shall the **Minister** *and the* **Congregation** *together sing:*

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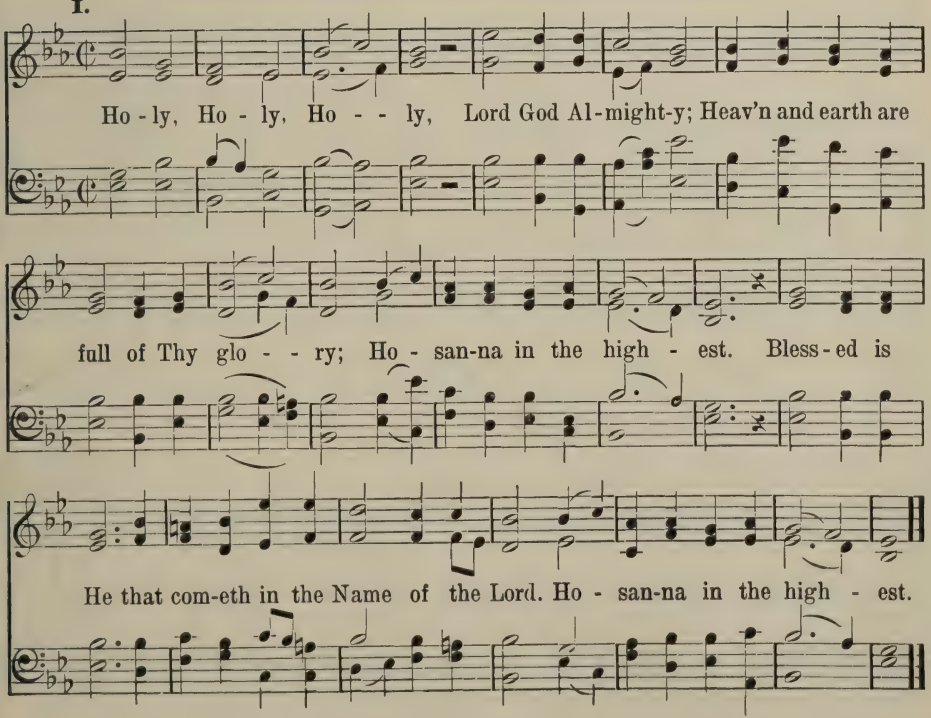
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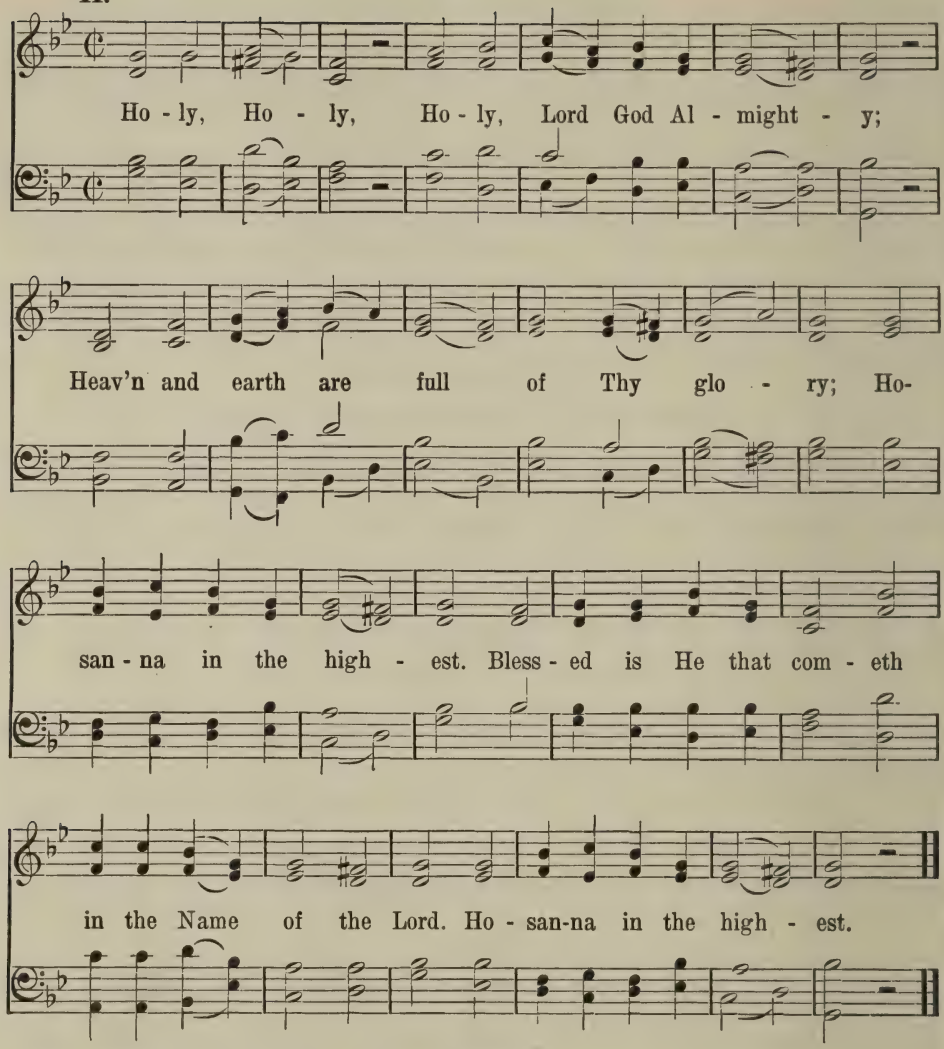
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Pax

The **Minister,** *turning to the Congregation, shall sing or say:*

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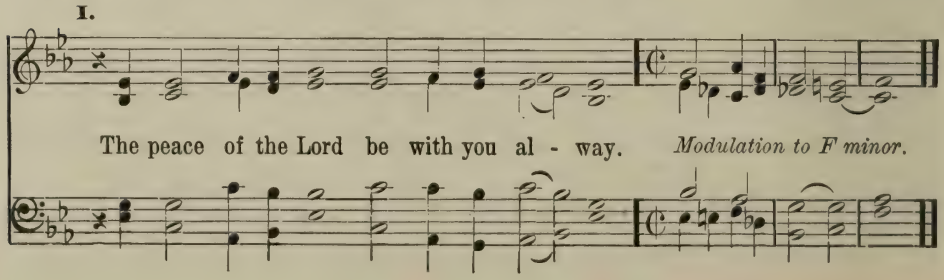

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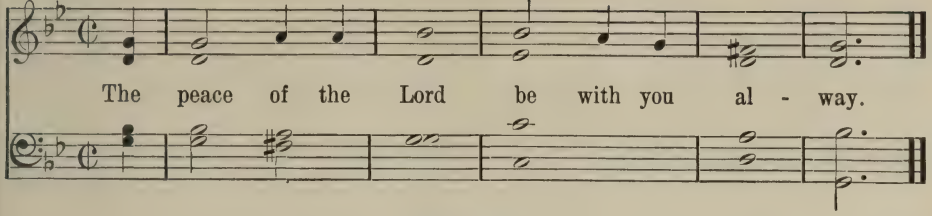

Agnus Dei

The Communicants now come forward while the **Congregation** *sings:*

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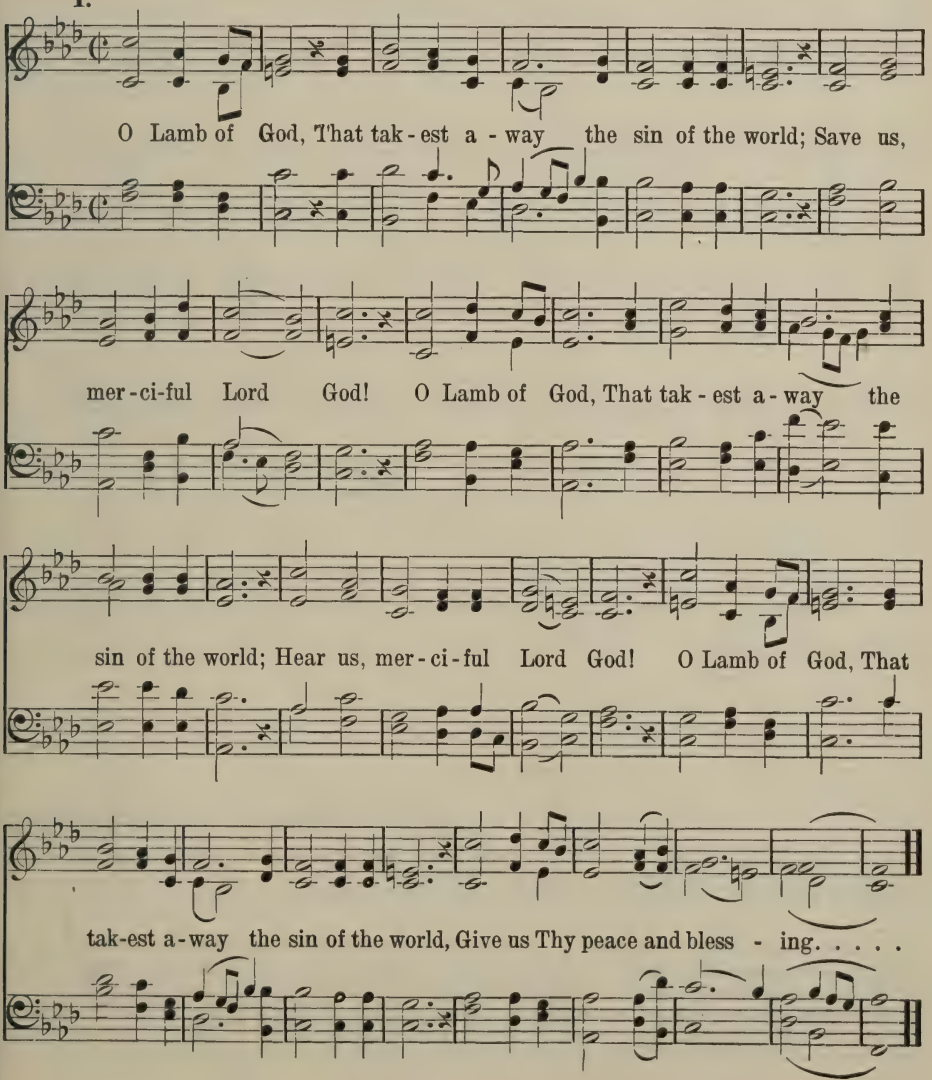
O Lamb of God, That tak - est a - way the sin of the world; Save us,
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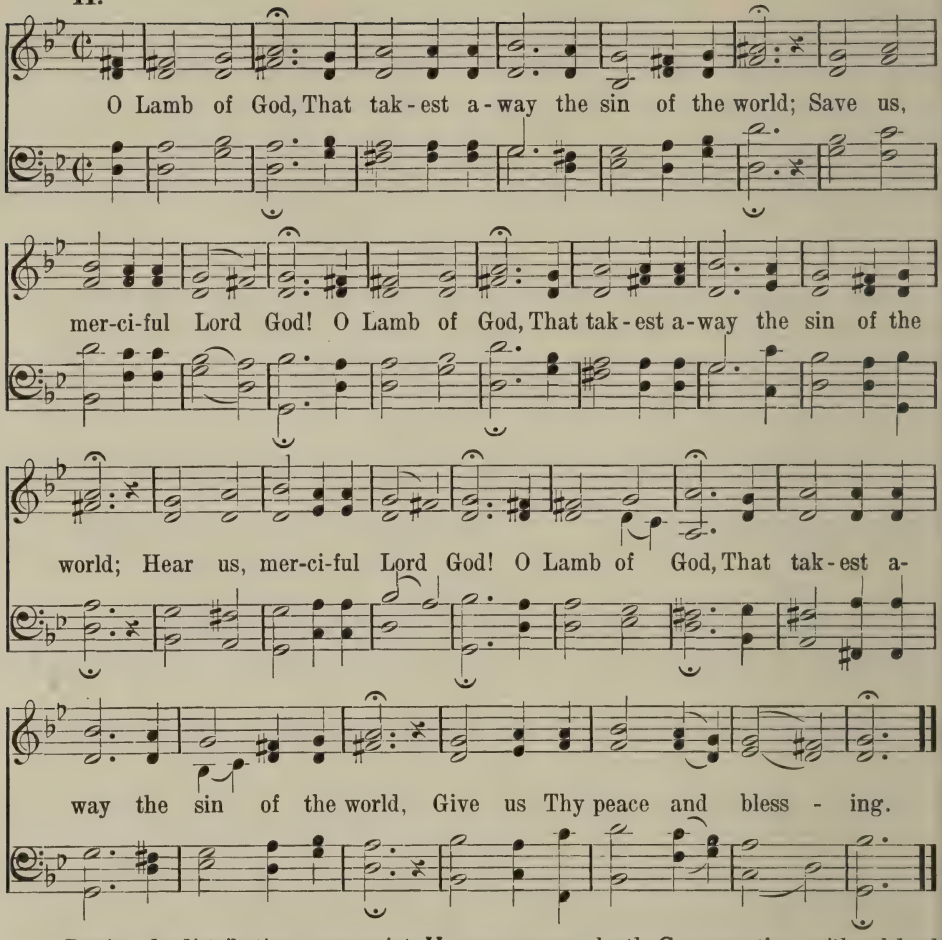
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During the distribution, appropriate **Hymns** *are sung by the* **Congregation,** *with subdued organ accompaniment. The* **Minister** *first administers the* **Bread** *to each communicant with these words:**

The Body of Christ given for thee.

And then the **Cup** *with these words:*

The Blood of Christ shed for thee.

To each group of communicants, as they leave the communion table, the **Minister** *says:*

The Lord Jesus Christ, Whose Body and Blood ye have now received, preserve you unto everlasting life. Amen.

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* When the officiating Pastor administers communion to himself he shall, when the first group of communicants have knelt at the chancel, kneel at the Altar and administer the bread to himself with the words: "The Body of Christ given for me." He shall then rise and administer to the kneeling communicants. In the distribution of the wine he proceeds in the same manner with the words: "The Blood of Christ shed for me." At the final salutation to this group of communicants the words "we" and "us" should be substituted for "ye" and "you." When two Ministers are officiating they may first administer to each other before the Altar.

Or else the **Minister** *shall say at the administration of the* **Bread:**

Jesus Christ, Whose Body thou now receivest, preserve thee unto everlasting life.

And at the administration of the **Cup:**

Jesus Christ, Whose Blood thou now receivest, preserve thee unto everlasting life.

In dismissing the communicants the **Minister** *shall say:*

The Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

The Thanksgiving

When the distribution is ended, the **Minister** *shall say:*

Let us pray.

The **Congregation** *shall rise. Turning to the Altar, the* **Minister** *shall say:*

We thank Thee, Almighty Father, Who, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, for our consolation and salvation hast instituted this Holy Supper: we pray Thee, grant us grace so to commemorate the death of Christ that we may be partakers of the great Supper in heaven.

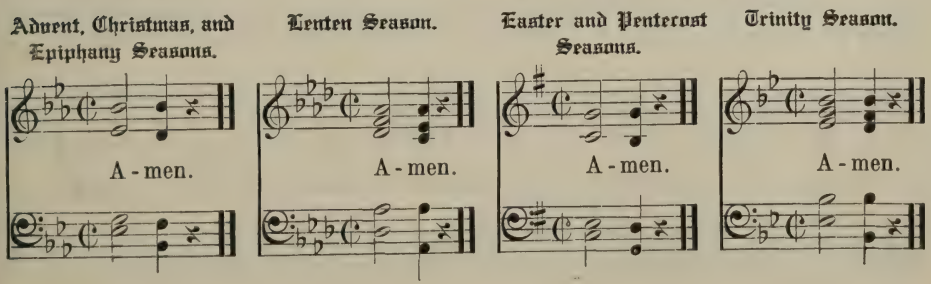
Or:

We thank Thee, Almighty God, that through this gracious feast Thou hast refreshed and satisfied us, and we pray Thee that it may tend to the increase of our faith and to growth in godliness and all Christian virtues, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Or:

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Who hast called us to this Holy Supper, we most heartily thank Thee for Thy mercy, that Thou hast nourished us with Thy Body and Blood, and that Thou hast filled and compassed us about with Thy goodness. O Lord, abide with us; into Thy hands we commit ourselves, and put our trust in Thee. Grant us to dwell with Thee forever.

The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



Benedicamus

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons.

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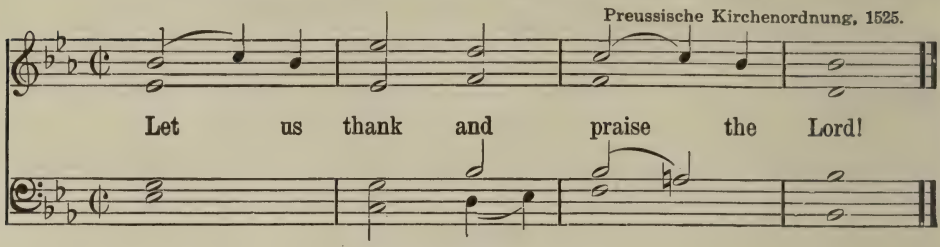
Preussische Kirchenordnung, 1525.



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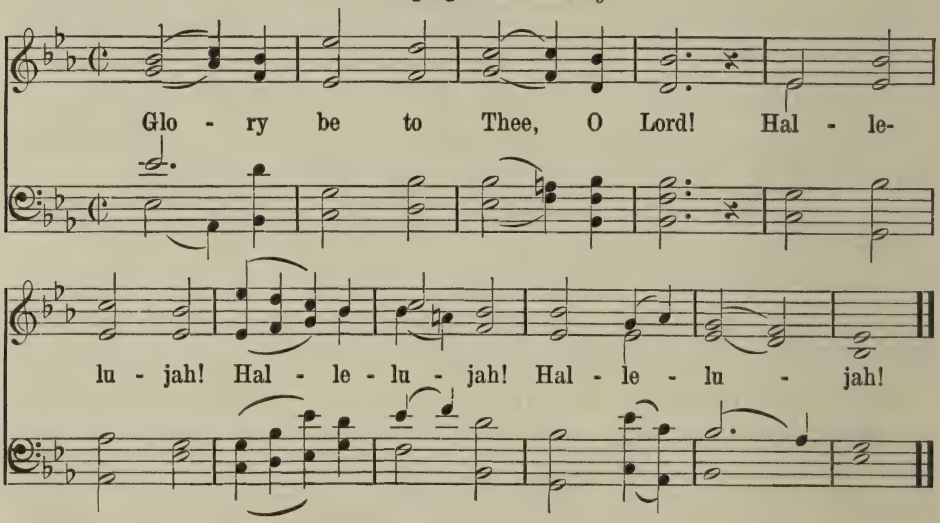
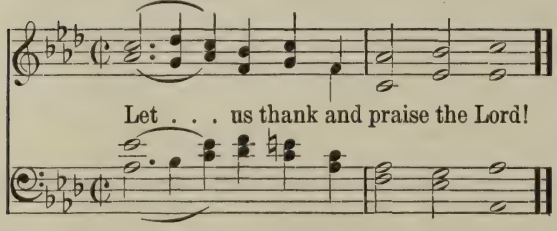


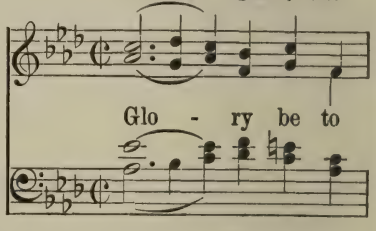
Lenten Season.

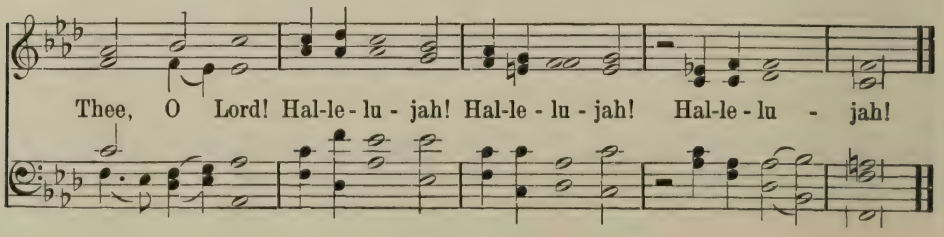
The **Minister:**



The **Congregation:**

Nürnberger Agende, 1639.





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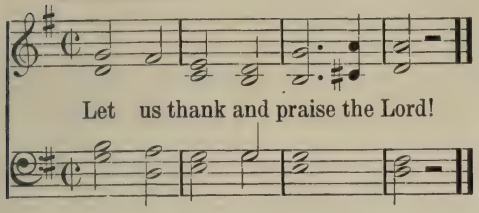
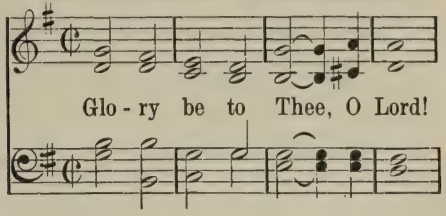
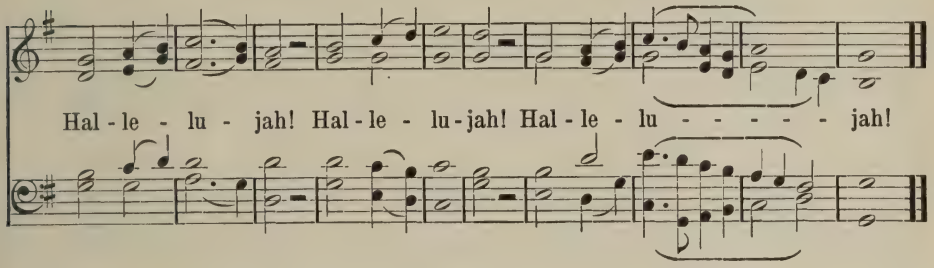


The **Congregation:** SPANGENBERG, 1545.





Trinity Season.

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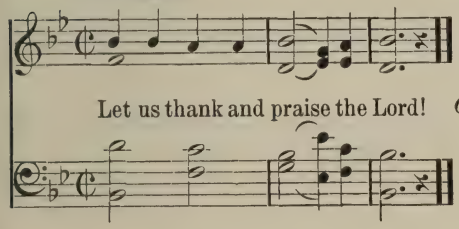

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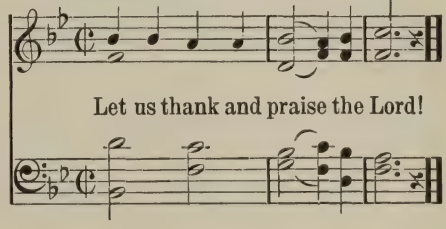

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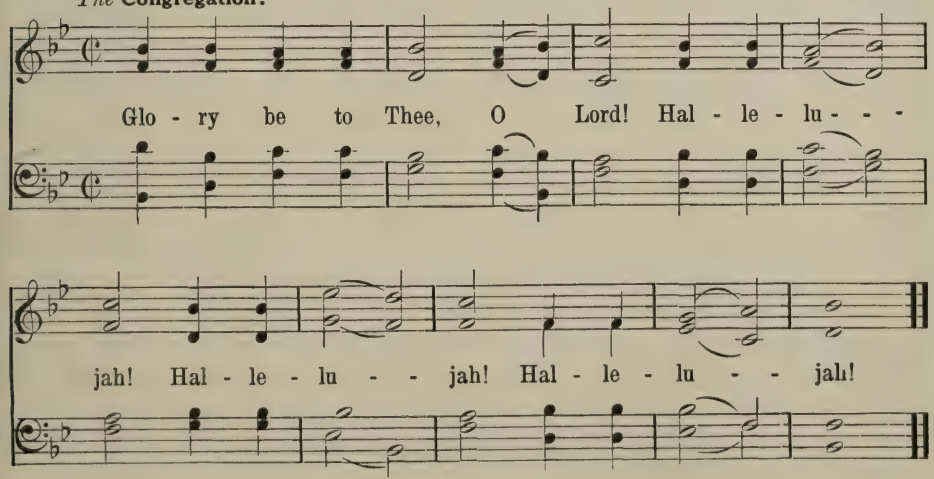

The Benediction

Then shall the **Minister** *say:*

Bow your hearts to God, and receive the Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, and the* **Congregation** *shall sing:*

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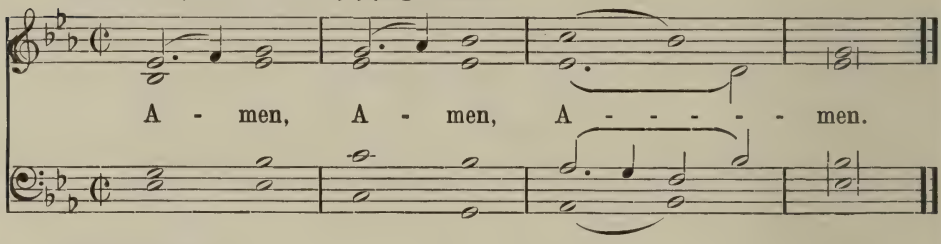

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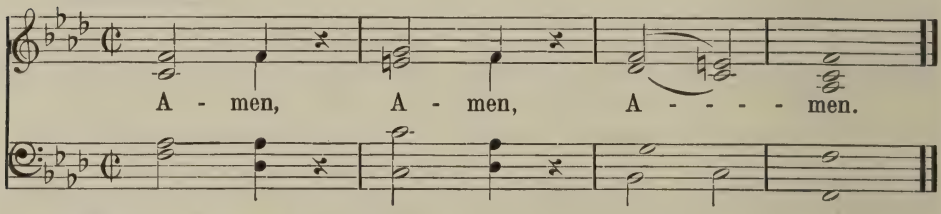

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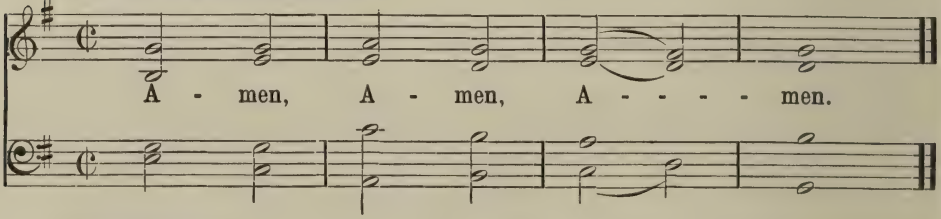

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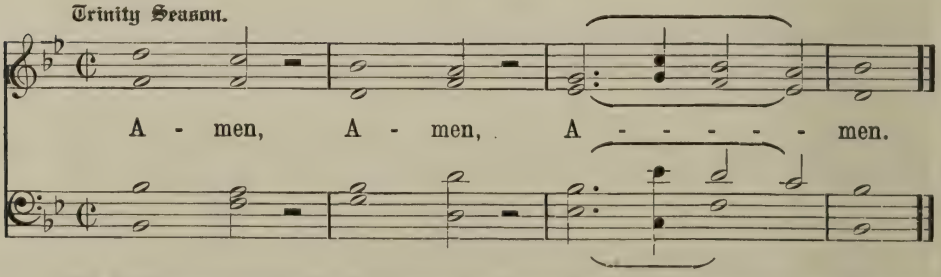


The Service shall close with silent prayer, while the **Congregation** *remains standing and the* **Minister** *kneels before the Altar.*

The Holy Communion

Without the Full Service

The Service shall begin with an appropriate **Hymn.** *During the singing the* **Minister** *shall proceed to the Altar and kneel in prayer. After the singing he shall rise, turn to the Congregation, and say:*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Communion Sermon

Here shall follow a brief **Communion Sermon,** *after which the* **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, kneel, and with the* **Congregation** *unite in the following* **Confession of Sins:**

The Confession of Sins

Holy and righteous God, merciful Father, we confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. We have not loved Thee above all things, nor our neighbor as ourselves, and are worthy, therefore, to be cast away from Thy presence, if Thou shouldst judge us according to our sins. But Thou hast promised, O heavenly Father, to receive with tender mercy all penitent sinners who turn unto Thee and with a living faith seek refuge in Thy fatherly compassion and in the merits of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Their transgressions Thou wilt not regard, nor impute unto them their sins. Relying upon Thy promise, we confidently beseech Thee to be merciful and gracious unto us and to forgive us all our sins, to the praise and glory of Thy Holy Name.

The Absolution

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and pronounce the Absolution:*

If this be your sincere confession, and if with penitent hearts you earnestly desire the forgiveness of your sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, God, according to His promise, forgiveth you all your sins; and by the authority of God's Word and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare unto you that God, through His grace, hath forgiven all your sins; in the Name of God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then the **Minister** *shall say:*

Let us give thanks and pray.

Turning to the Altar he shall pray:

Almighty, heavenly Father, we render unto Thee heartfelt thanks for this comforting absolution wherein Thou hast declared unto us forgiveness of our sins. We pray Thee so to prepare us through Thy Holy Spirit that we, in true penitence and faith, may receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and thereby be strengthened in Christian patience and in the hope of everlasting life, till Thou at last grant us a blessed departure; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

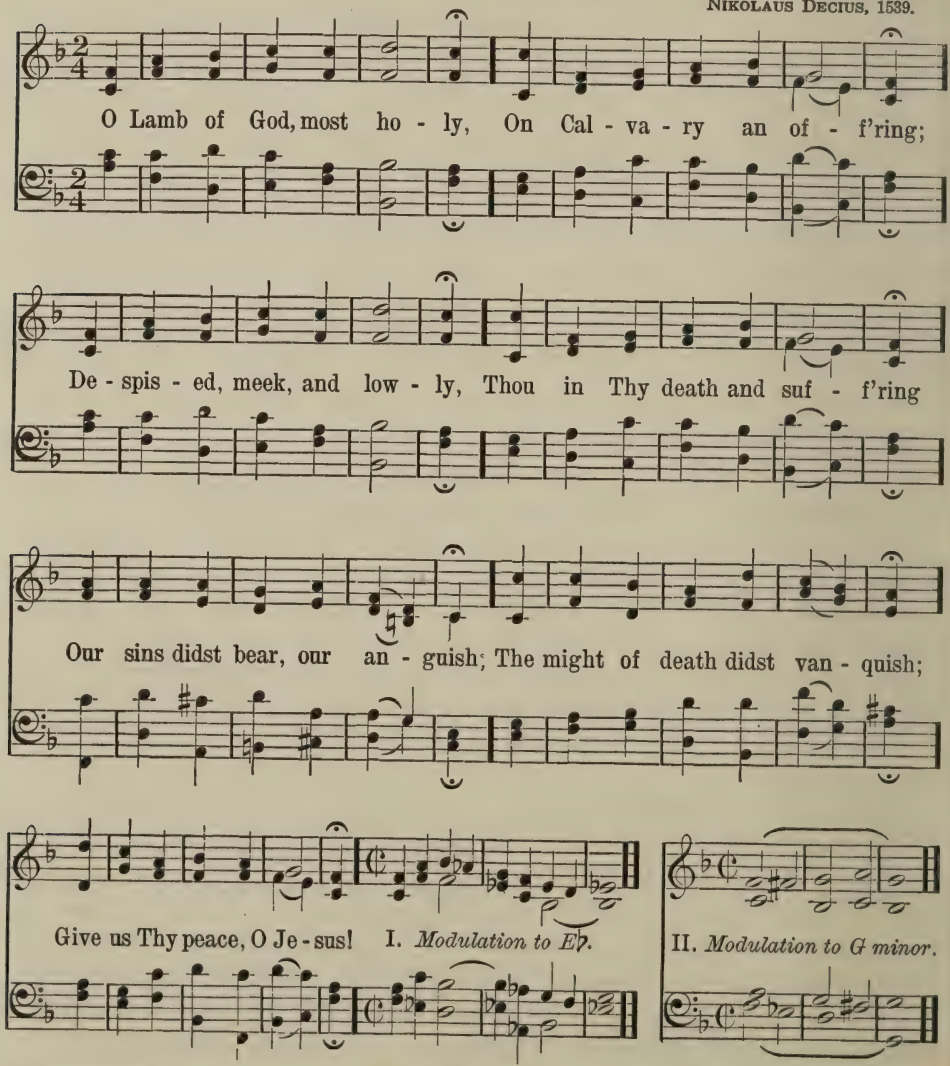
Here a suitable **Hymn** *shall be sung, following which the* **Announcements** *shall be made from the pulpit. Then shall an* **Offertory** *be played, or an* **Anthem** *sung, during which the* **Offering** *shall be received. The* **Minister,** *having received the offering, shall place it upon the Altar and pray as follows:*

O God, Thou Giver of all good gifts, graciously receive and bless this offering, which we Thy people place upon Thine Altar, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

O Lamb of God, Most Holy

The **Congregation** *shall rise and sing,* **"O Lamb of God, Most Holy,"** *while the* **Minister** *makes ready the elements of the Sacrament on the Altar.*

NIKOLAUS DECIUS, 1539.


O Lamb of God, most ho - ly, On Cal - va - ry an of - f'ring;
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Our sins didst bear, our an - guish; The might of death didst van - quish;
Give us Thy peace, O Je - sus!
I. Modulation to E♭.
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* A short offertory sentence may then be sung by the Choir.

The Preface

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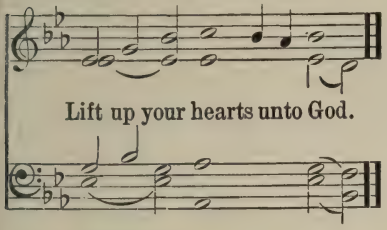

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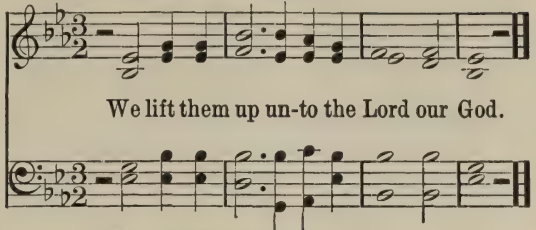

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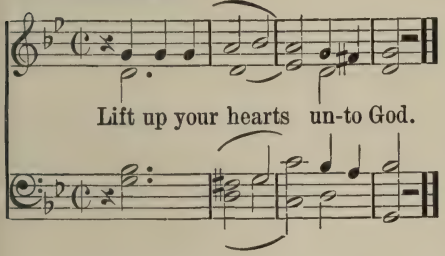

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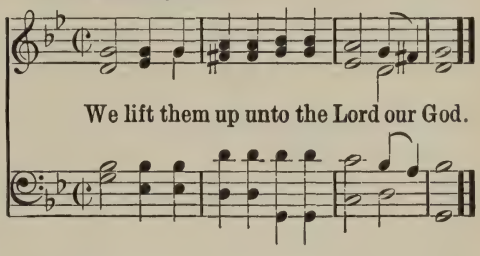

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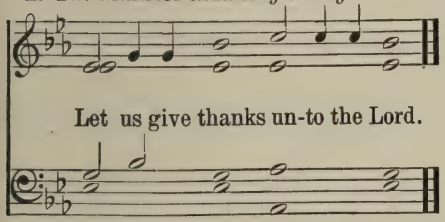

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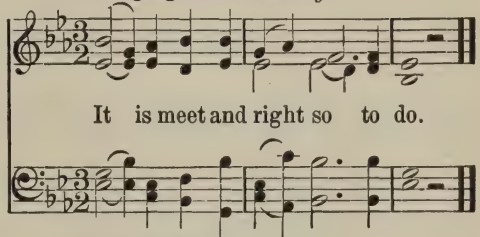

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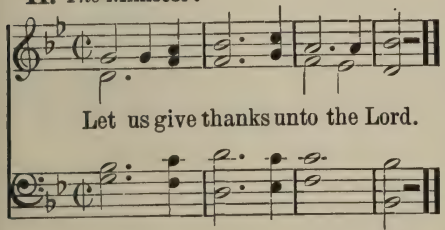

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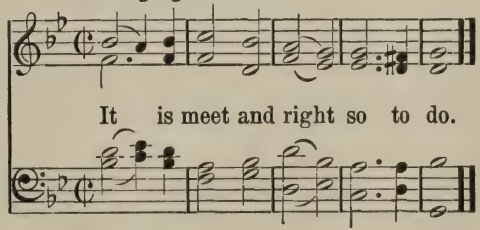

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After the same manner, also, when He had supped, He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this Cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

The Lord's Prayer

The **Minister,** *together with the* **Congregation,** *shall say:*

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sanctus

Then shall the **Minister** *and the* **Congregation** *together sing:*

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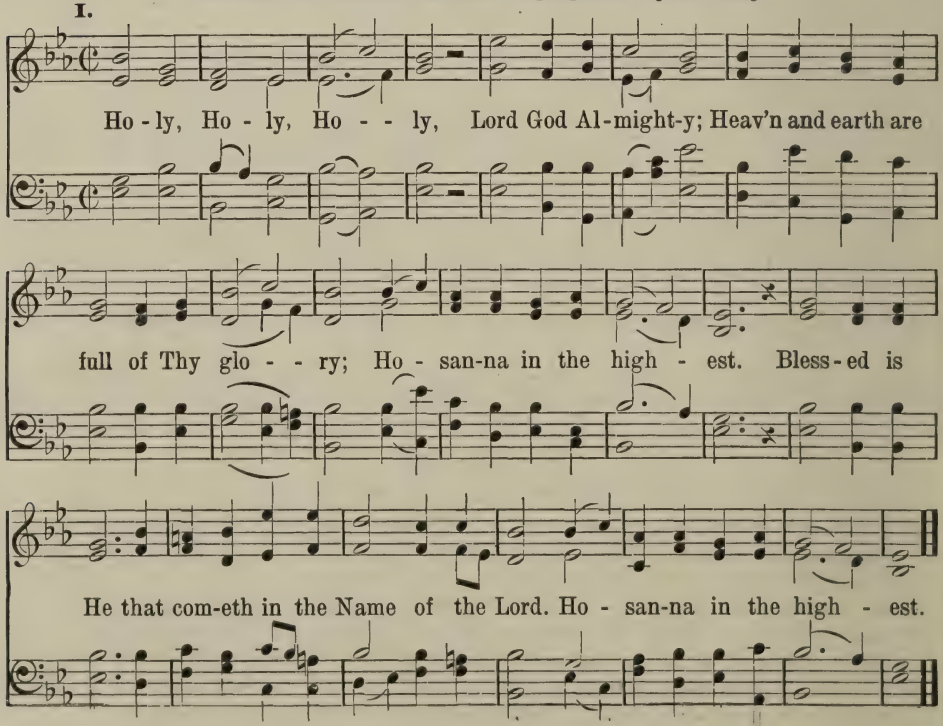
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - ly, Lord God Al-might-y; Heav'n and earth are
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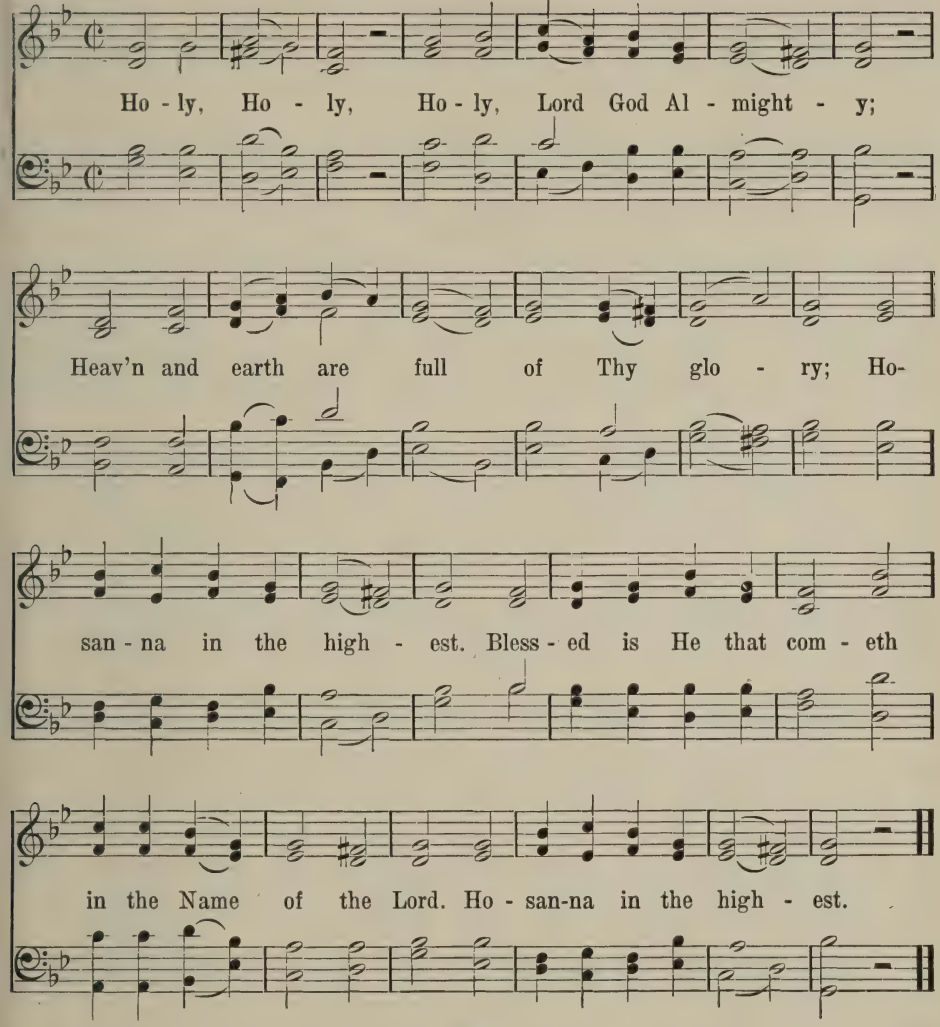
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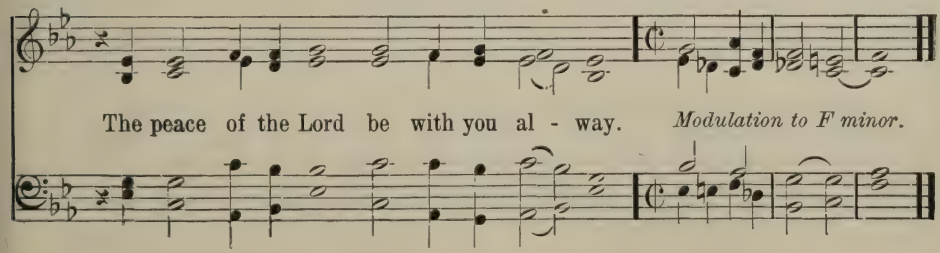
Pax

The **Minister,** *turning to the Congregation, shall sing or say:*

I.



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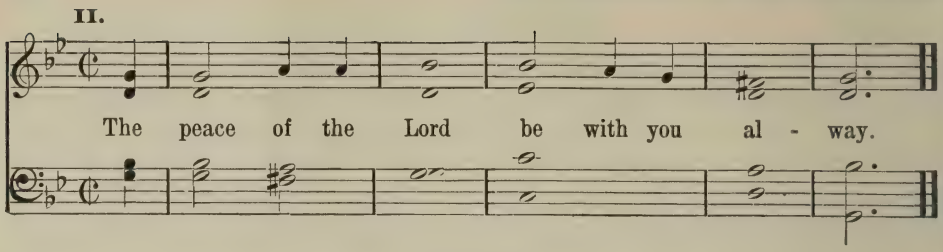
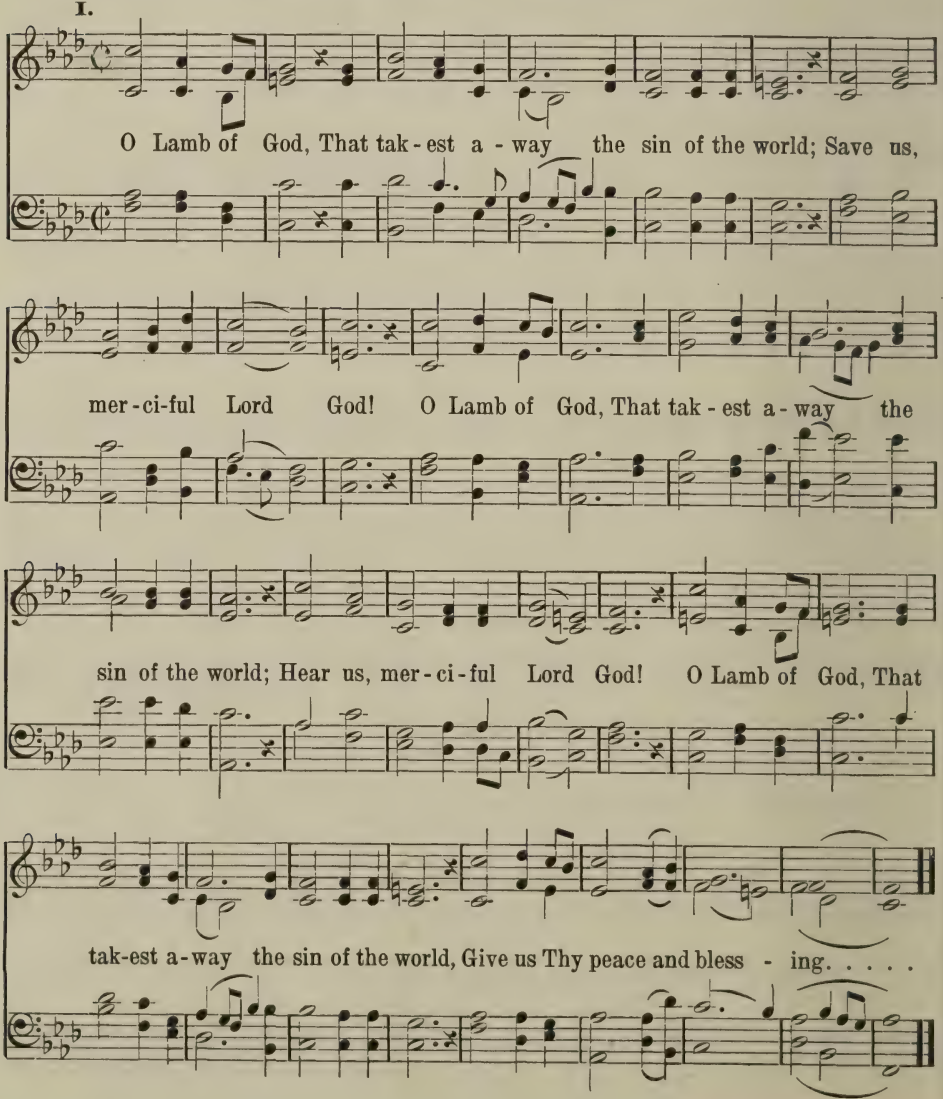


Agnus Dei

The Communicants now come forward while the **Congregation** *sings:*

I.


O Lamb of God, That tak - est a - way the sin of the world; Save us,
mer - ci - ful Lord God! O Lamb of God, That tak - est a - way the
sin of the world; Hear us, mer - ci - ful Lord God! O Lamb of God, That
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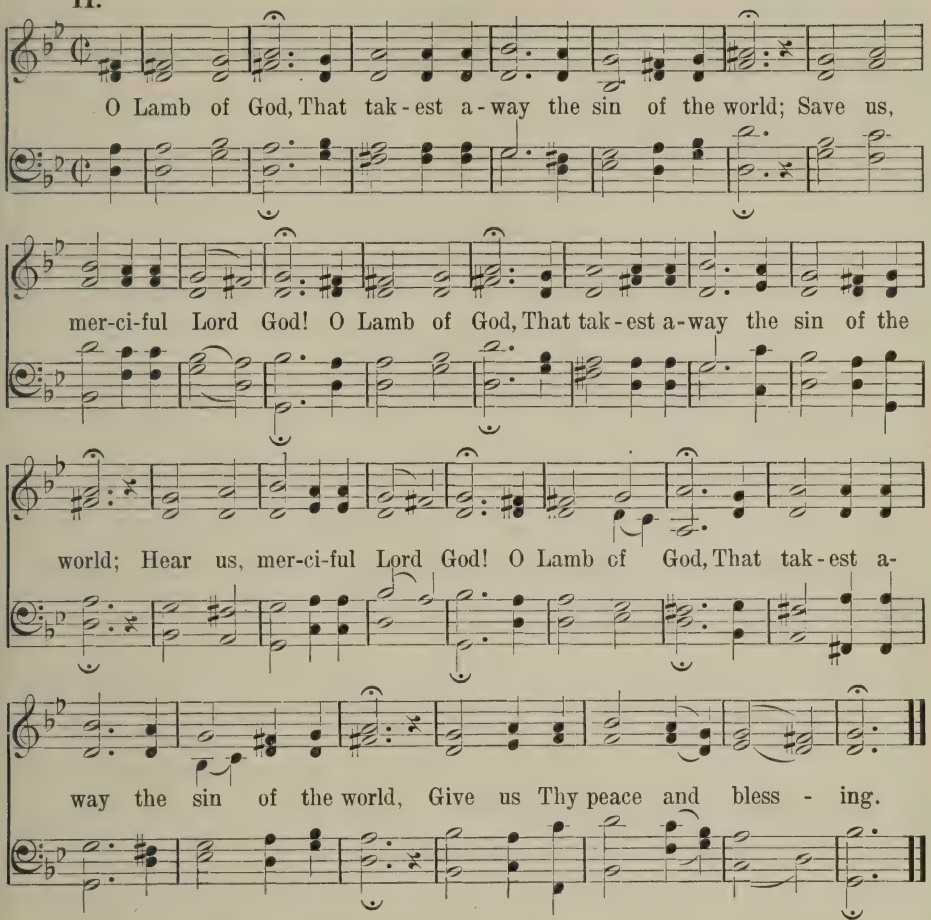
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world; Hear us, mer-ci-ful Lord God! O Lamb of God, That tak-est a-
way the sin of the world, Give us Thy peace and bless - ing.

During the distribution, appropriate **Hymns** *are sung by the* **Congregation,** *with subdued organ accompaniment. The* **Minister** *first administers the* **Bread** *to each communicant with these words:**

The Body of Christ given for thee.

And then the **Cup** *with these words:*

The Blood of Christ shed for thee.

To each group of communicants, as they leave the communion table, the **Minister** *says:*

The Lord Jesus Christ, Whose Body and Blood ye have now received, preserve you unto everlasting life. Amen.

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* When the officiating Pastor administers communion to himself he shall, when the first group of communicants have knelt at the chancel, kneel at the Altar and administer the bread to himself with the words: "The Body of Christ given for me." He shall then rise and administer to the kneeling communicants. In the distribution of the wine he proceeds in the same manner with the words: "The Blood of Christ shed for me." At the final salutation to this group of communicants the words "we" and "us" should be substituted for "ye" and "you." When two Ministers are officiating they may first administer to each other before the Altar.

Or else the **Minister** *shall say at the administration of the* **Bread:**

Jesus Christ, Whose Body thou now receivest, preserve thee unto everlasting life.

And at the administration of the **Cup:**

Jesus Christ, Whose Blood thou now receivest, preserve thee unto everlasting life.

In dismissing the communicants the **Minister** *shall say:*

The Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

The Thanksgiving

When the distribution is ended, the **Minister** *shall say:*

Let us pray.

The **Congregation** *shall rise. Turning to the Altar, the* **Minister** *shall say:*

We thank Thee, Almighty Father, Who, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, for our consolation and salvation hast instituted this Holy Supper; we pray Thee, grant us grace so to commemorate the death of Christ that we may be partakers of the great Supper in heaven.

Or:

We thank Thee, Almighty God, that through this gracious feast Thou hast refreshed and satisfied us, and we pray Thee that it may tend to the increase of our faith and to growth in godliness and all Christian virtues, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Or:

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Who hast called us to this Holy Supper, we most heartily thank Thee for Thy mercy, that Thou hast nourished us with Thy Body and Blood, and that Thou hast filled and compassed us about with Thy goodness. O Lord, abide with us; into Thy hands we commit ourselves, and put our trust in Thee. Grant us to dwell with Thee forever.

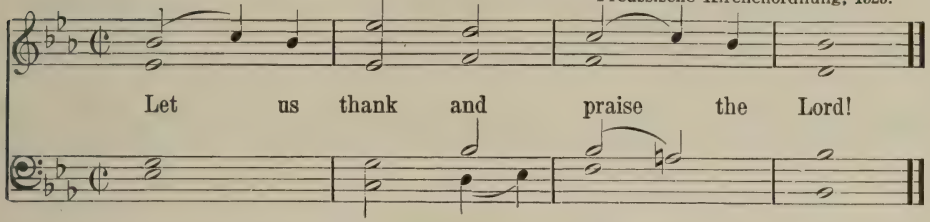
The **Congregation** *shall sing:*

Benedicamus

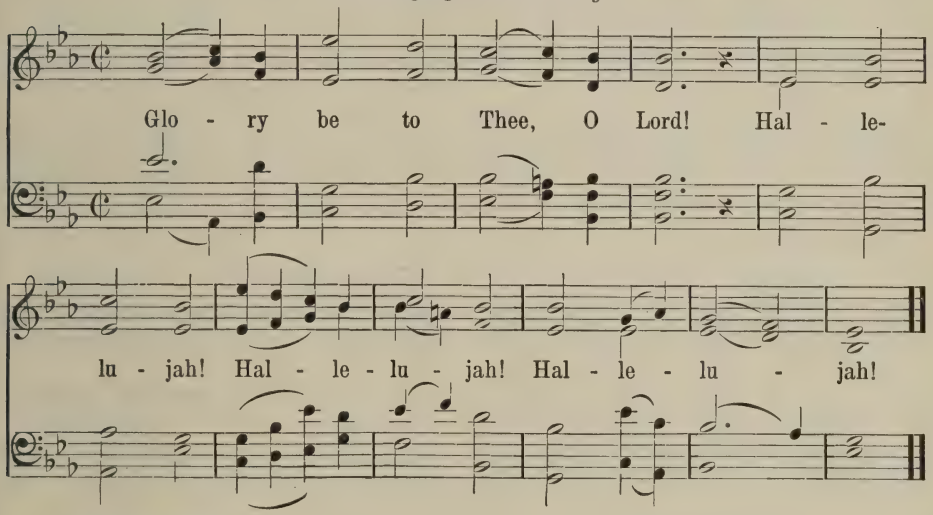
Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons.

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*

Preussische Kirchenordnung, 1525.



The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



Lenten Season.

The **Minister:**

The **Congregation:**

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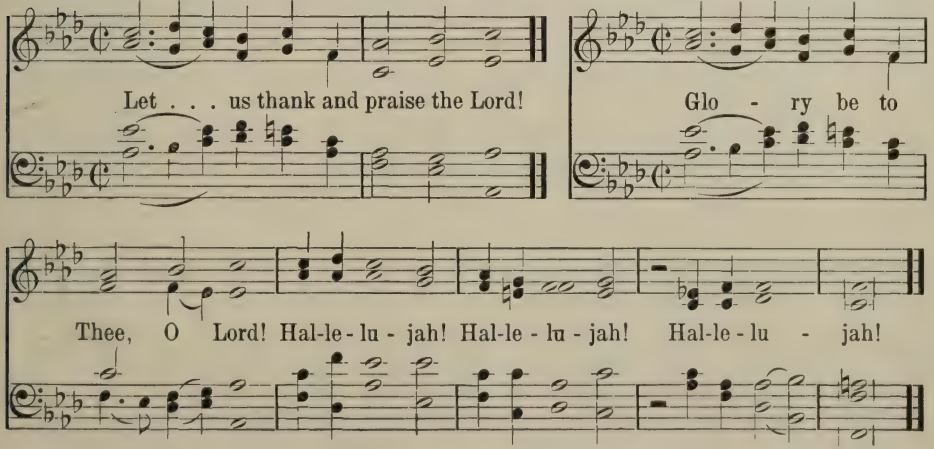
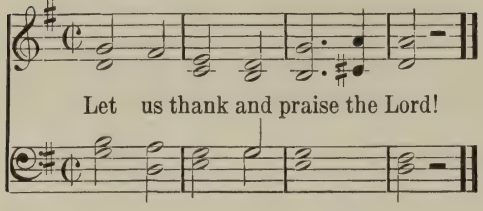
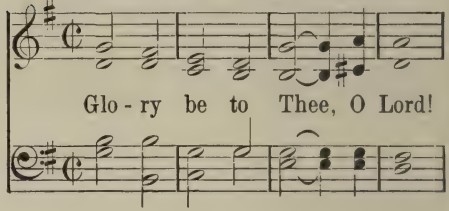


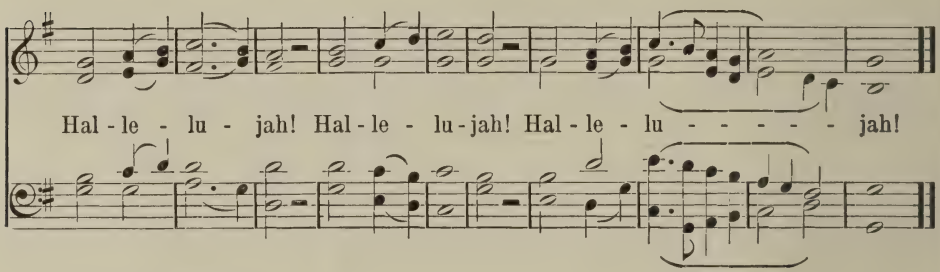
Easter and Pentecost Seasons.

The **Minister:**



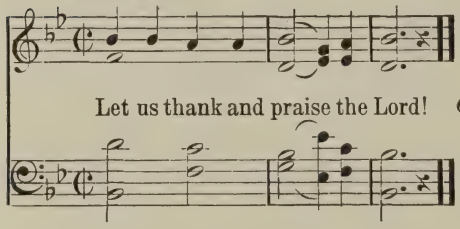
The **Congregation:** SPANGENBERG, 1545.





Trinity Season.

The **Minister:**



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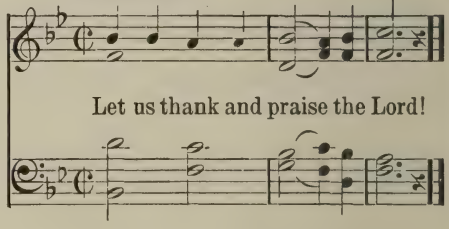

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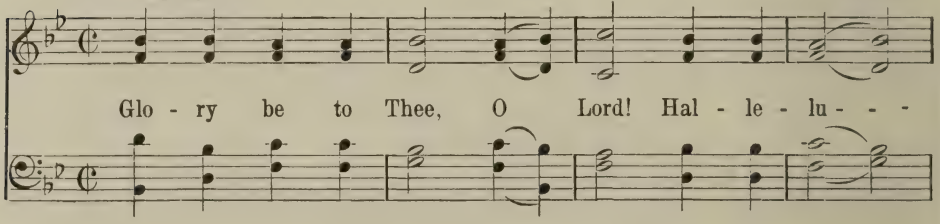
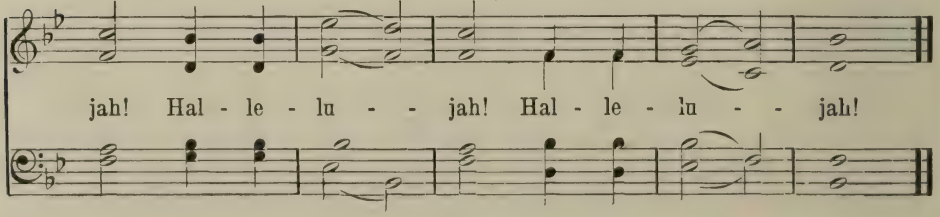




The Benediction

Then shall the **Minister** *say:*

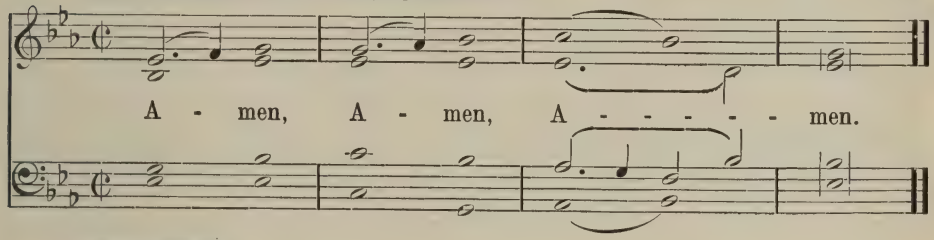
Bow your hearts to God, and receive the Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, and the* **Congregation** *shall sing:*

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons.



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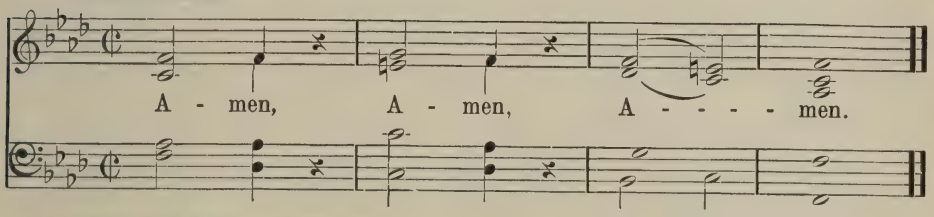

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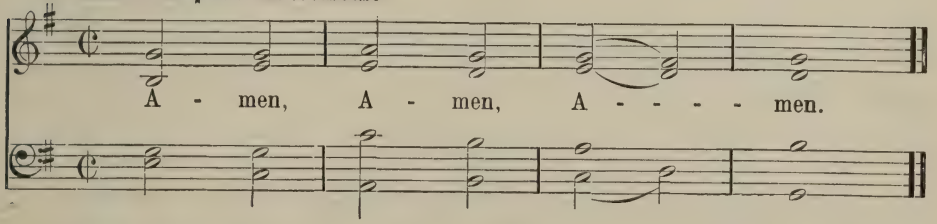

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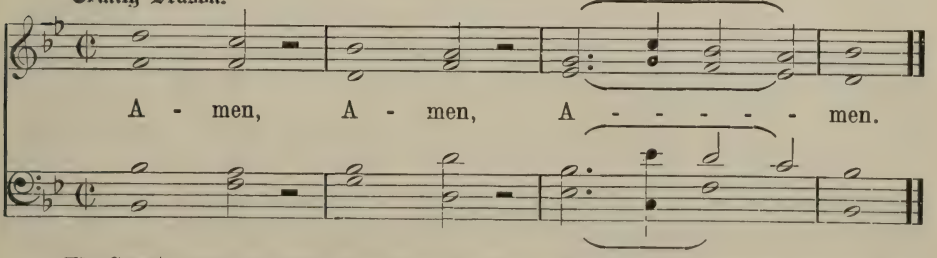


The Service shall close with silent prayer, while the **Congregation** *remains standing and the* **Minister** *kneels before the Altar.*

Matins on Christmas Day

The Service shall begin with an appropriate **Hymn.** *During the singing the* **Minister** *shall proceed to the Altar and kneel in prayer. After the singing he shall rise, turn to the Congregation, and say:*

Grace be unto you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God.

The **Minister,** *turning to the Altar, shall kneel and pray:*

O God, Who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light: We praise Thy Holy Name. Above all things do we give thanks and praise to Thee, that Thou hast suffered Thine only begotten Son to become man for our salvation. We pray Thee, merciful Father, to keep us by Thy Spirit in a living knowledge of our Saviour, that we may ever be comforted by His incarnation and serve Thee as Thy children, till finally with all angels and the saints in light we may praise Thee forevermore; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

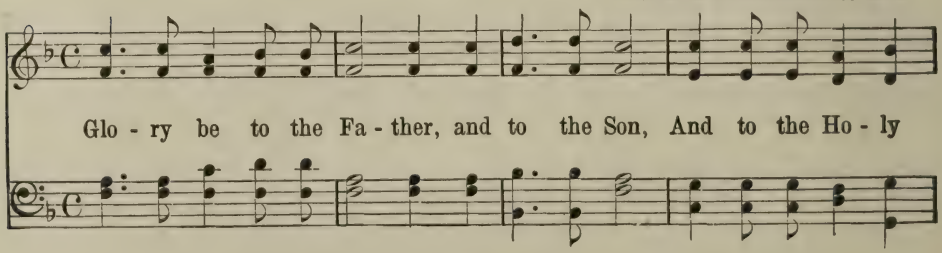
The **Minister,** *rising, shall continue:*

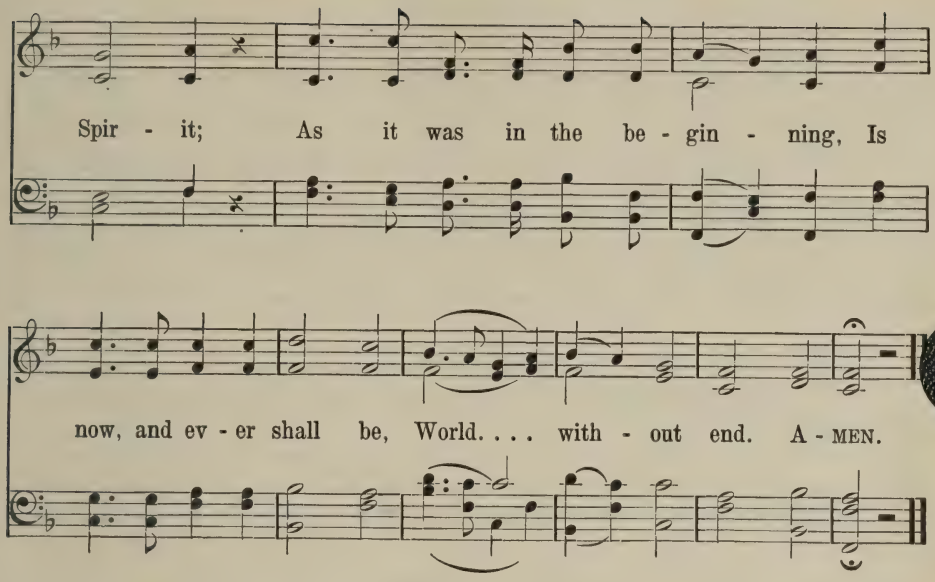
Blessed be the Name of Jehovah from this time forth and forevermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same Jehovah's Name is to be praised. Jehovah is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens. Who is like unto Jehovah our God, That hath His seat on high, That humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven and in the earth! (Psalm 113. 2–6.)

Gloria Patri

The **Congregation** *shall rise, and with the* **Minister,** *still turned to the Altar, sing:*

Pfälzische Kirchenordnung, 1570.





The Scripture Lesson

After the singing, the **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and say:*

Hear the Word of God as it is recorded in the prophecy of Isaiah, the ninth chapter, beginning at the second verse:

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased their joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as in the day of Midian.

For all the armor of the armed man in the tumult, and the garments rolled in blood, shall be for burning, for fuel of fire.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9. 2–7.)

The Apostles' Creed

The **Minister** *and the* **Congregation** *shall then make the following Confession of Faith:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

An **Anthem** *in harmony with the Day may here be sung. Then shall follow one or more verses of a* **Hymn** *as an introduction to the Sermon. In the meantime the* **Minister** *shall enter the Pulpit.*

The Sermon

The Sermon shall conclude with the following Prayer:

Lord God, our heavenly Father: Through Thy holy angels Thou didst announce to the shepherds in the field the birth of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and didst bid them not to be fearful, but to rejoice that Christ the Saviour was born in the city of David. Remove, we pray Thee, through Thy Holy Spirit all fear from our hearts and grant us true and lasting joy. And though we be despised and suffer much in this present time, grant that with a firm faith we may embrace Thy Son Jesus Christ, Who for our sake became man to save us from death and all evil, and gain for us eternal salvation. Amen.

The **Church Notices** *may then be given. The Pulpit Office shall conclude with the following:*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Then shall an **Offertory** *be played, or an* **Anthem** *sung, during which the offering shall be made. The* **Minister,** *having received the offering, shall place it upon the Altar and pray as follows:*

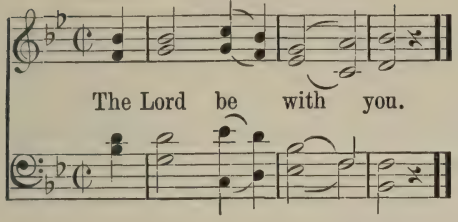
O God, Thou Giver of all good gifts, graciously receive and bless this offering, which we Thy people place upon Thine Altar, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

Then shall the **Congregation** *sing a* **Hymn,** *during which the* **Minister** *shall proceed to the Altar.*

*A short offertory sentence may then be sung by the Choir.

The Salutation

The **Minister,** *turning to the Congregation, shall sing or say:*



The **Congregation** *shall rise and sing:*

Then the **Minister** *shall say:*

Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar and with the* **Congregation** *shall pray:*

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benedicamus

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*

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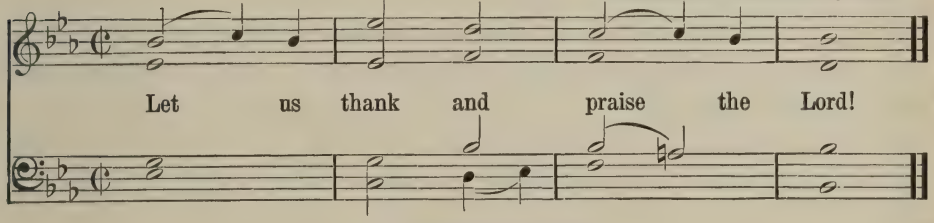
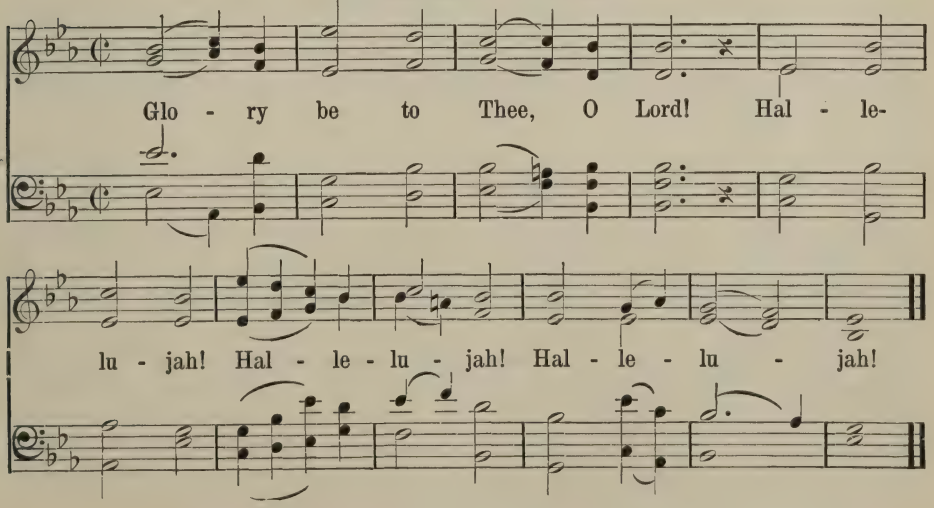


The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



Instead of the foregoing, **The Magnificat** *may be read:**

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him: from generation to generation. He hath showed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away. He hath holpen His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy: as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

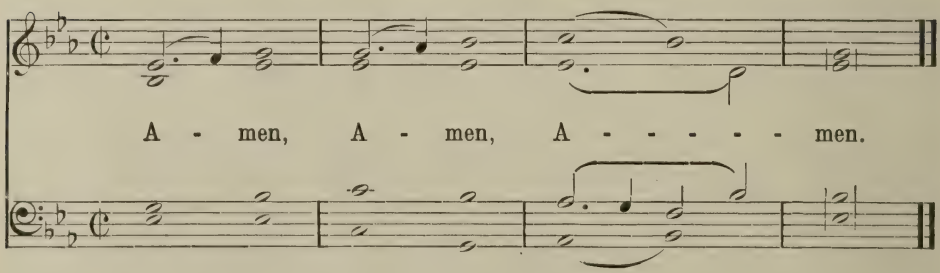
Then shall the **Minister** *say:*

Bow your hearts to God and receive the Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, and the* **Congregation** *shall sing:*



The Service shall close with silent prayer, while the **Congregation** *remains standing and the* **Minister** *kneels before the Altar.*

* The Magnificat may be sung by the Choir. See p. 133.

Matins on Easter Sunday

The Service shall begin with an appropriate **Hymn.** *During the singing the* **Minister** *shall proceed to the Altar and kneel in prayer. After the singing he shall rise, turn to the Congregation, and say:*

Grace be unto you and peace from God, our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God.

The **Minister,** *turning to the Altar, shall kneel and pray:*

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the day in which life and immortality were brought to light through the resurrection of our blessed Lord from the dead. We thank Thee for the Word of life in Jesus Christ our Saviour, Who has overcome death and opened unto us the gate of eternal life. Grant that the glad Easter tidings may be abundantly blessed in our hearts. Awaken us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit that we may arise from the death of sin and walk in newness of life. May we live our lives upon the earth as those who look for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the risen Saviour. May the true light shine far this day, revealing and healing the sins of many hearts. Kindle within us heavenly desires, and grant that we may ever thirst for the Fountain of Life, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

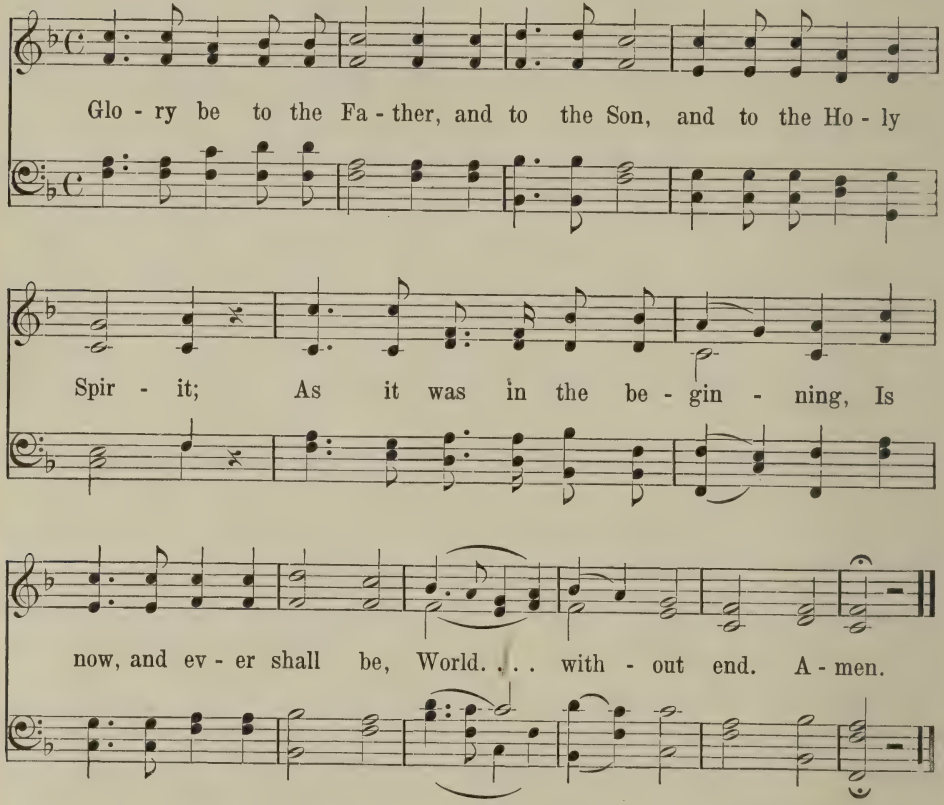
The **Minister,** *rising, shall continue:*

Blessed be the Name of Jehovah from this time forth and forevermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same Jehovah's Name is to be praised. Jehovah is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens. Who is like unto Jehovah our God, That hath His seat on high, That humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven and in the earth! (Psalm 113. 2–6.)

Gloria Patri

The **Congregation** *shall rise, and with the* **Minister,** *still turned toward the Altar, sing:*

Pfälzische Kirchenordnung, 1550.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now, and ev - er shall be, World. . . . with - out end. A - men.

The Scripture Lesson

After the singing the **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and say:*

Hear the Word of God as it is recorded in the First Epistle of Peter, the first chapter, beginning at the third verse:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold trials,

That the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold that perisheth though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ:

Whom not having seen ye love; on Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

The Apostles' Creed

The **Minister** *and the* **Congregation** *shall then make the following Confession of Faith:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

An **Anthem** *in harmony with the Day may here be sung. Then shall follow one or more verses of a* **Hymn** *as an introduction to the Sermon. In the meantime the* **Minister** *shall enter the Pulpit.*

The Sermon

The Sermon shall conclude with the following prayer:

Lord God, Heavenly Father! Thou hast delivered up Thy Son for our trespasses, and raised Him for our justification. We pray Thee, grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that through Him Thou mayest govern and direct us, keep us in the true faith and deliver us from sin, and finally at the last day raise us unto eternal life. Amen.

The **Church Notices** *may then be given. The Pulpit Office shall conclude with the following:*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

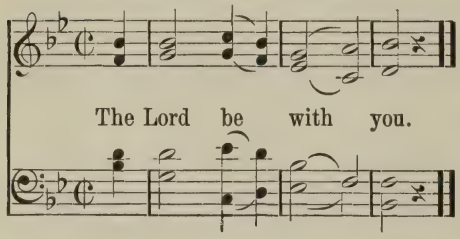
Then shall an **Offertory** *be played, or an* **Anthem** *sung, during which the offering shall be made. The* **Minister,** *having received the offering, shall place it upon the Altar and pray as follows:*

O God, Thou Giver of all good gifts, graciously receive and bless this offering, which we Thy people place upon Thine Altar, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

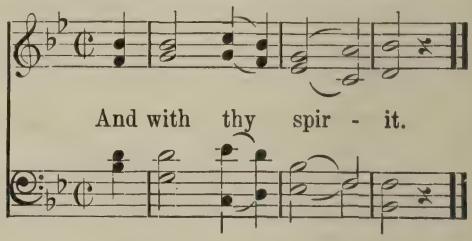
Then shall the **Congregation** *sing a* **Hymn,** *during which the* **Minister** *shall proceed to the Altar.*

The Salutation

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*



The **Congregation** *shall rise and sing:*



Then the **Minister** *shall say:*

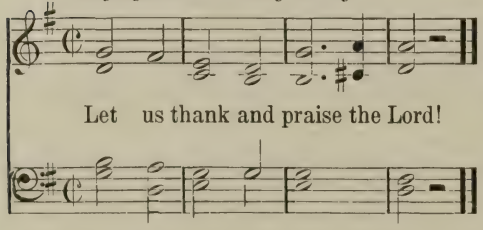
Let us pray.

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar and with the* **Congregation** *pray:*

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

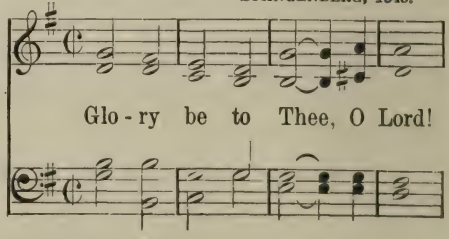
Benedicamus

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*



The **Congregation** *shall sing:*

SPANGENBERG, 1545.



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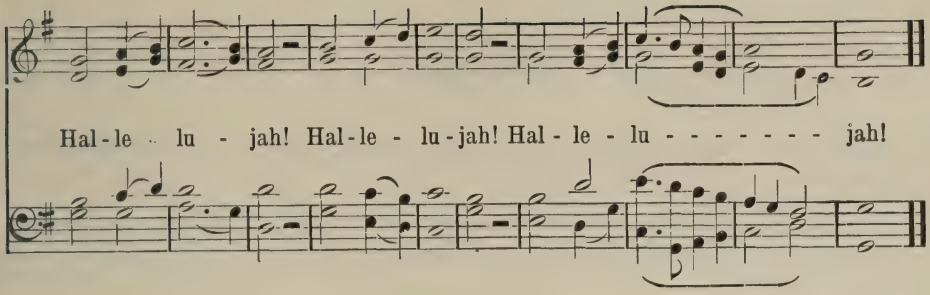


Instead of the Benedicamus the following may be sung or read:

Jehovah hath established His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all. Bless Jehovah, ye His angels, that are mighty in strength, that fulfil His Word, hearkening unto the voice of His Word. Bless Jehovah, all ye His hosts, ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure. Bless Jehovah, all ye His works, in all places of His dominion: Bless Jehovah, O my soul. (Psalm 103. 19—22.)

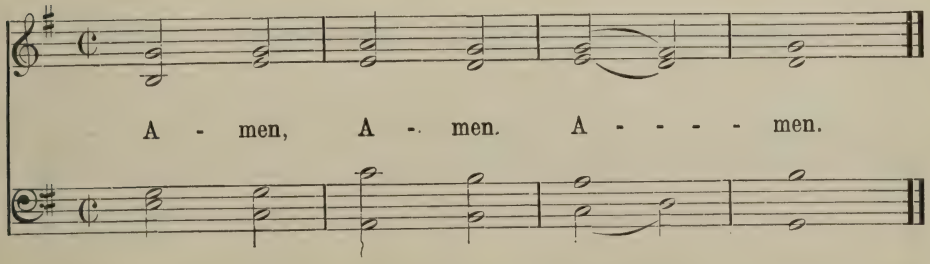
Then shall the **Minister** *say:*

Bow your hearts to God and receive the Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, and the* **Congregation** *shall sing:*



The Service shall close with silent prayer, while the **Congregation** *remains standing and the* **Minister** *kneels before the Altar.*

Vespers

The Service shall begin with an appropriate **Hymn.** *During the singing the* **Minister** *shall proceed to the Altar and kneel in prayer. After the singing he shall rise, turn to the Congregation, and say:*

Grace be unto you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God.

The Confession of Sins

The **Minister,** *turning to the Altar, shall kneel and pray:*

Merciful God, Heavenly Father, Whose grace endureth from generation to generation, Thou art patient and longsuffering and forgivest the sins and transgressions of all who truly repent. Look with compassion upon Thy people and hear their supplications. We have sinned against Thee. We are unworthy of Thy goodness and love. Remember not our transgressions; have mercy upon us; help us, O God, our Saviour. Grant us remission of all our sins and save us. Give us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that we may amend our ways and with Thee obtain everlasting life; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

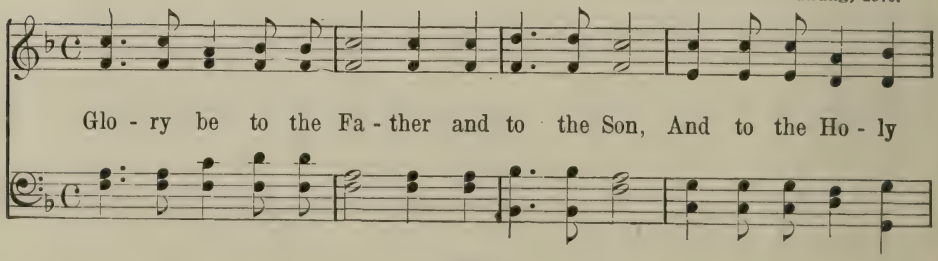
The **Minister,** *rising and turning to the Congregation, shall say:*

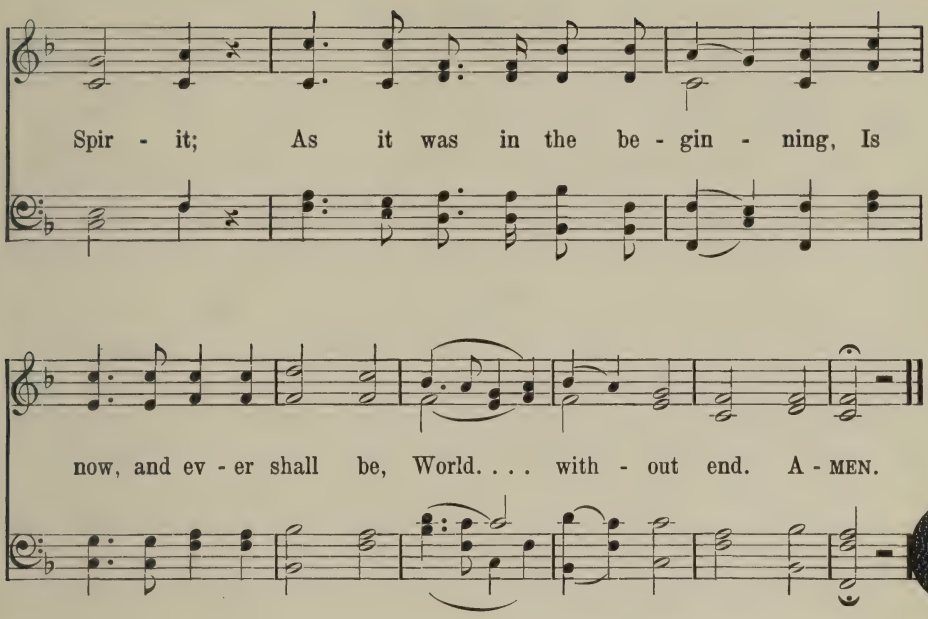
If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Gloria Patri

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, and the* **Congregation** *shall rise and sing:*

Pfälzische Kirchenordnung, 1570.





The Scripture Lesson

After the singing the **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and say:*

Hear the Word of God as it is recorded in the.....

The **Minister** *and* **Congregation** *shall then make their Confession of Faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed or of the Nicene Creed.*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

An **Anthem** *may here be sung. Then shall follow one or more verses of a* **Hymn** *as an introduction to the Sermon. In the meantime the* **Minister** *shall enter the Pulpit.*

The Sermon

The Sermon shall conclude with the following prayer:

We praise Thee, O God, that Thou hast permitted Thy Word to dwell richly among us to the salvation and building up of our souls on our most holy faith. Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son, Who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. We thank Thee that Thou hast permitted the message of this great salvation to come to us through the Gospel. We pray Thee, grant us a living faith in Christ, a fervent love to Thee and to our fellow men, and a blessed hope through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

The **Church Notices** *may then be given. The Pulpit Office shall conclude with the following:*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

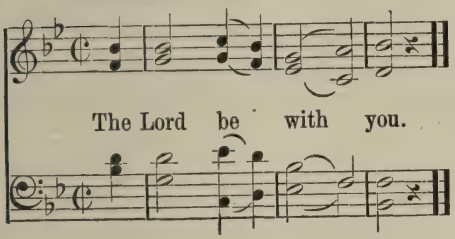
Then shall an **Offertory** *be played, or an* **Anthem** *sung, during which the offering shall be made. The* **Minister,** *having received the offering, shall place it upon the Altar and pray as follows:*

O God, Thou Giver of all good gifts, graciously receive and bless this offering, which we Thy people place upon Thine Altar, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

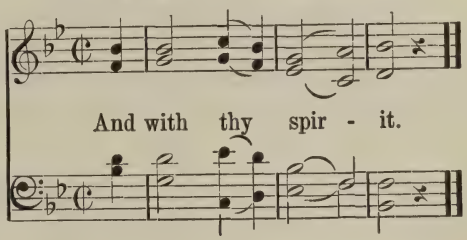
Then shall the **Congregation** *sing a* **Hymn,** *during which the* **Minister** *shall proceed to the Altar.*

The Salutation

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*

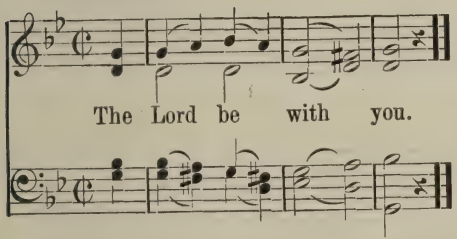


The **Congregation** *shall rise and sing:*



Lenten Season

The **Minister:**



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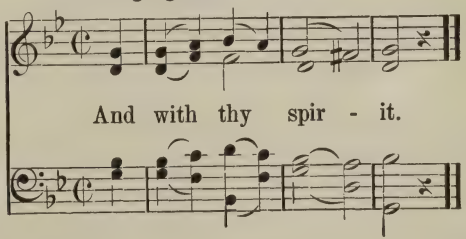


Then the **Minister** *shall say:*

Let us pray.

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar and pray:*

Watch over us, O Lord, our heavenly Father, and protect us from all evil, and grant that we may this night rest secure under Thy care. Preserve and bless Thy Church and our Government. Graciously remember the sick and those who are in need or in peril. Have mercy upon all men. And when our last evening shall come, grant us to fall asleep in Thy peace and to awake in Thy glory, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

*A short offertory sentence may then be sung by the Choir.

The **Congregation** *shall sing:*

Lenten Season.

The Lord's Prayer

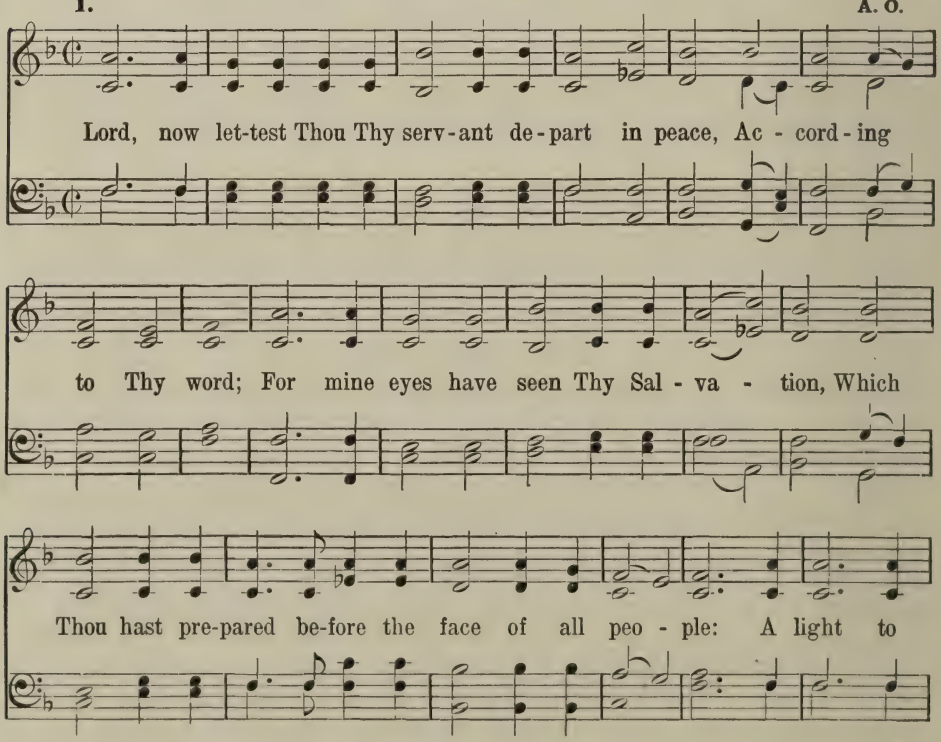
The **Congregation** *shall unite with the* **Minister** *in the Lord's Prayer:*

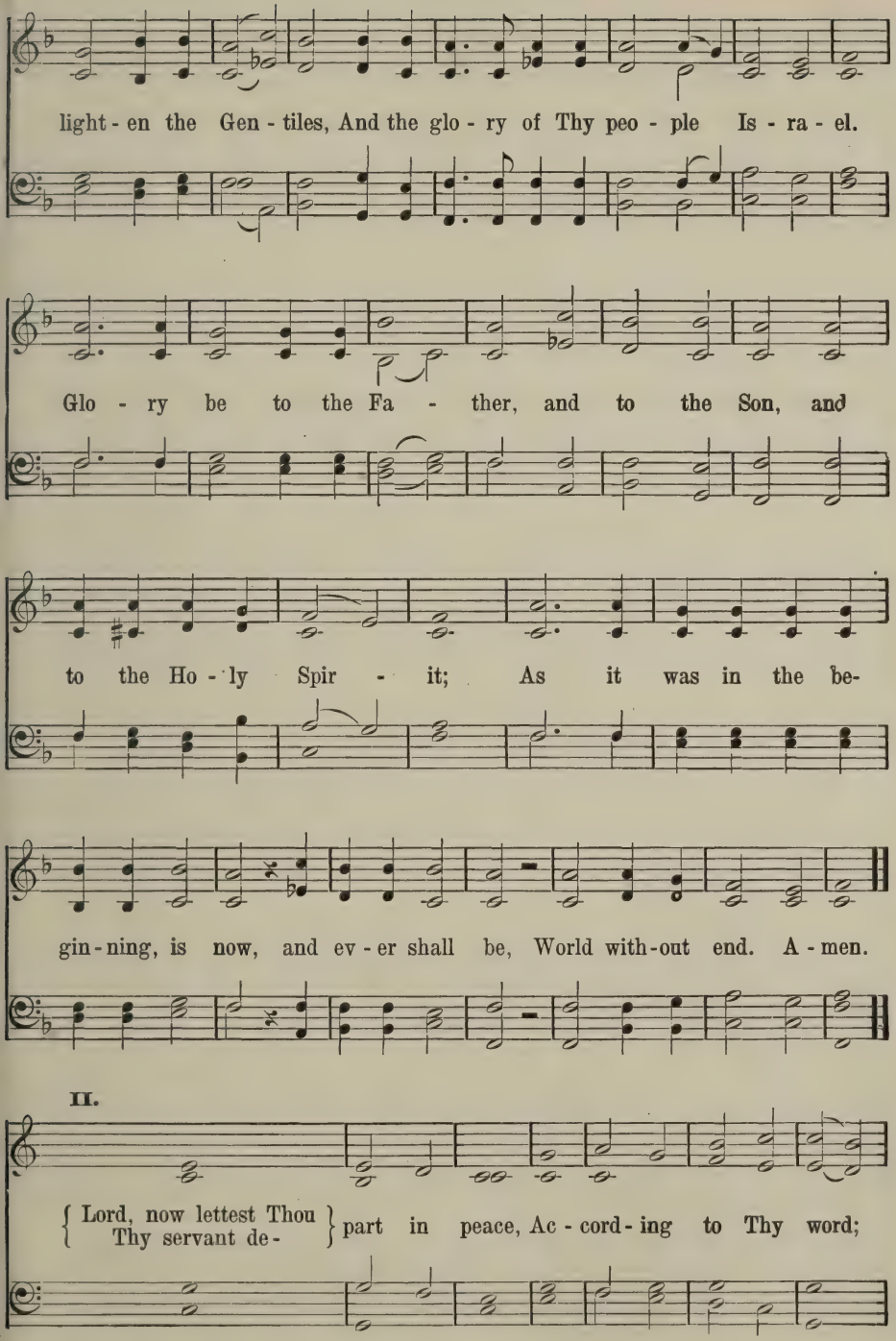
Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Then shall be sung the Nunc Dimittis:

I. **A. O.**


Lord, now let-test Thou Thy serv-ant de-part in peace, Ac - cord - ing
to Thy word; For mine eyes have seen Thy Sal - va - tion, Which
Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all peo - ple: A light to


light - en the Gen - tiles, And the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and
to the Ho - ly Spir - it; As it was in the be-
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{ Lord, now lettest Thou } part in peace, Ac - cord - ing to Thy word;
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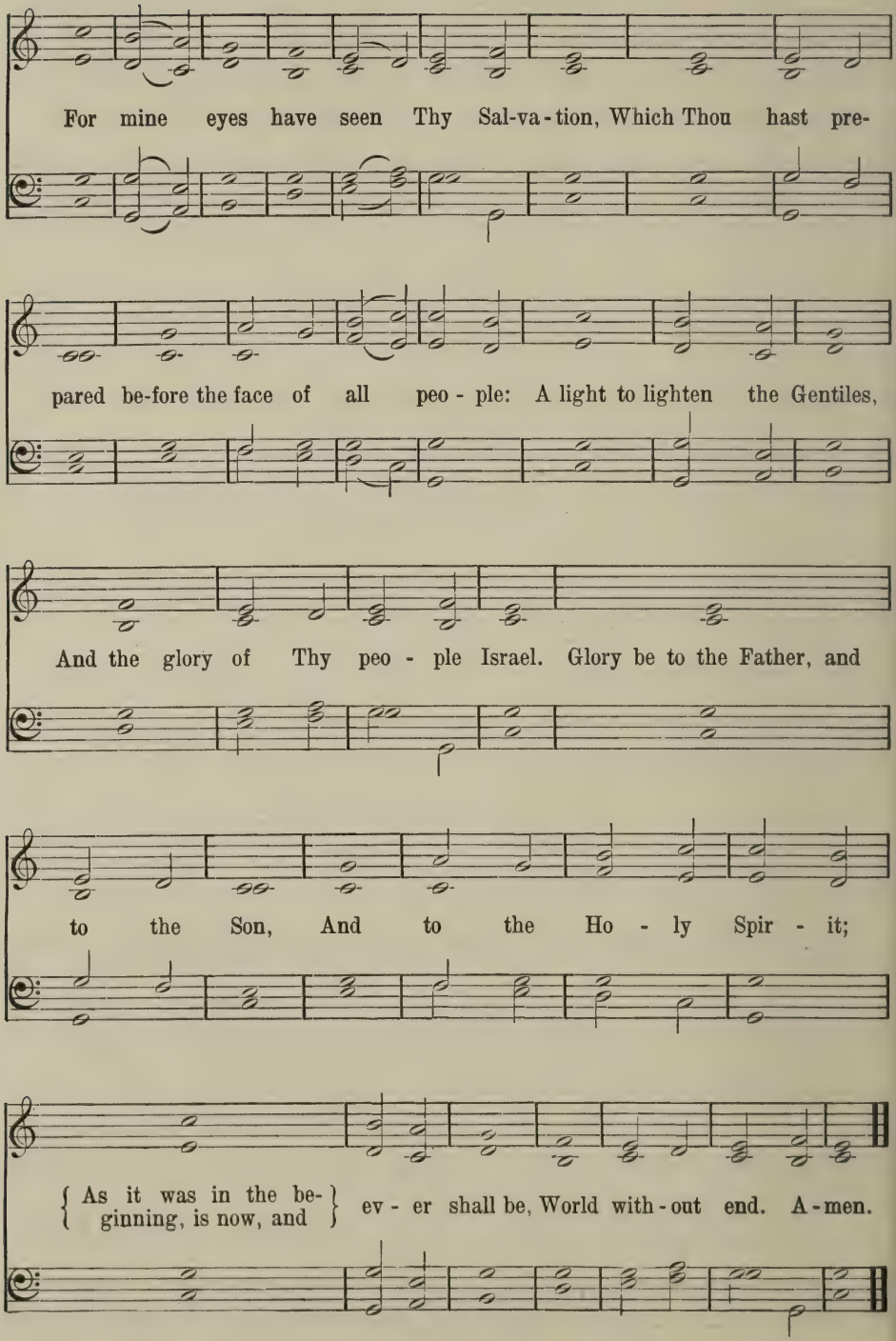

For mine eyes have seen Thy Sal-va-tion, Which Thou hast pre-
pared be-fore the face of all peo-ple: A light to lighten the Gentiles,
And the glory of Thy peo-ple Israel. Glory be to the Father, and
to the Son, And to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
As it was in the be-
ginning, is now, and
ev-er shall be, World with-out end. A-men.

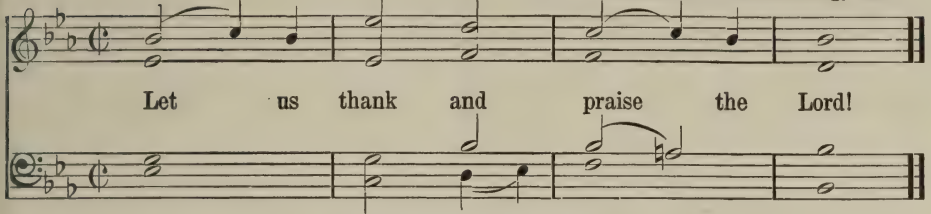
Instead of the Nunc Dimittis the following may be used:

Benedicamus

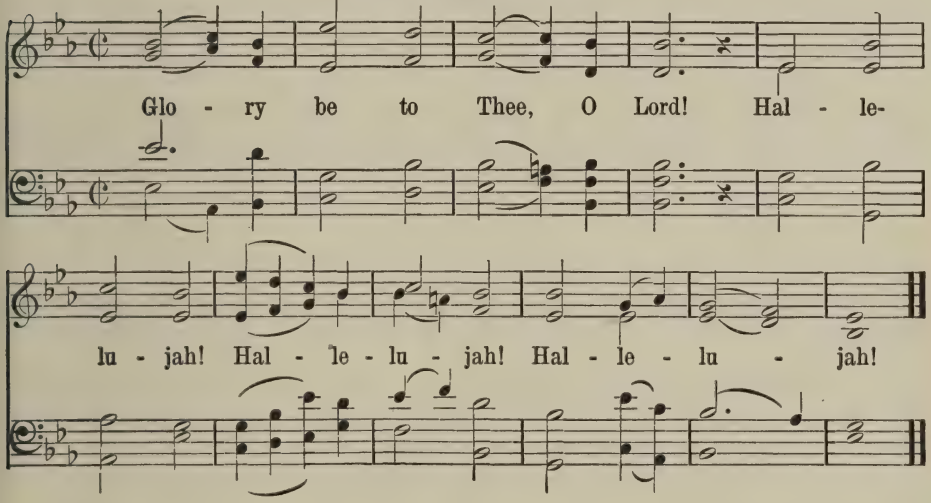
Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons.

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*

Preussische Kirchenordnung, 1525.

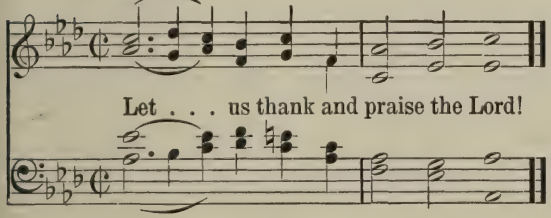


The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



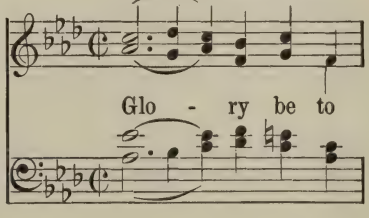
Lenten Season.

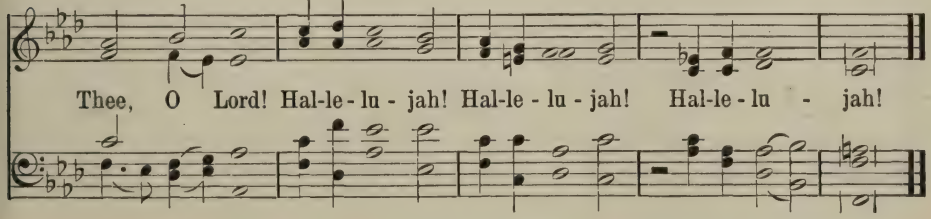
The **Minister:**



The **Congregation:**

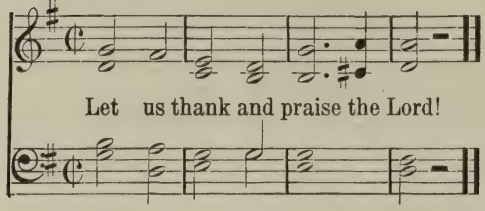
Nürnberger Agende, 1639.



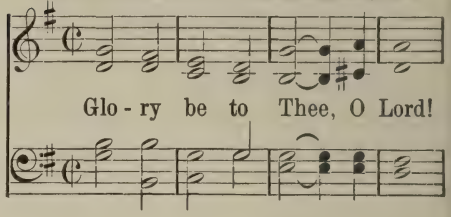


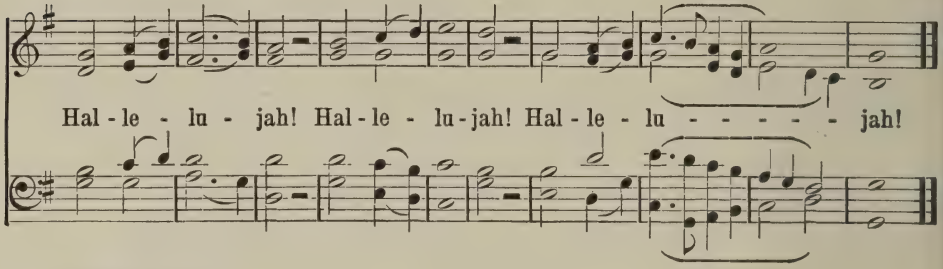
Easter and Pentecost Seasons.

The **Minister:**



The **Congregation:** SPANGENBERG, 1545.





Trinity Season.

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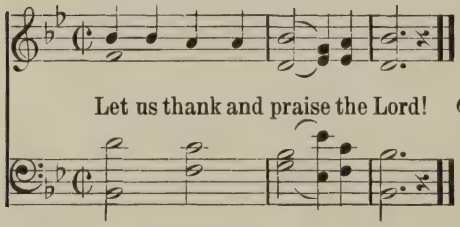

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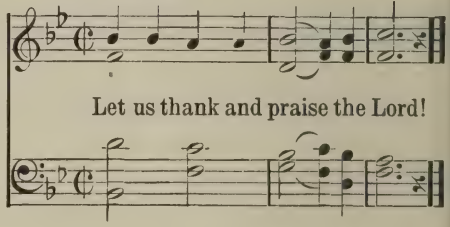

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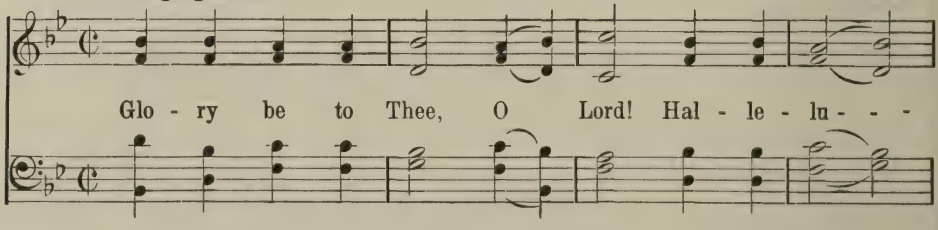
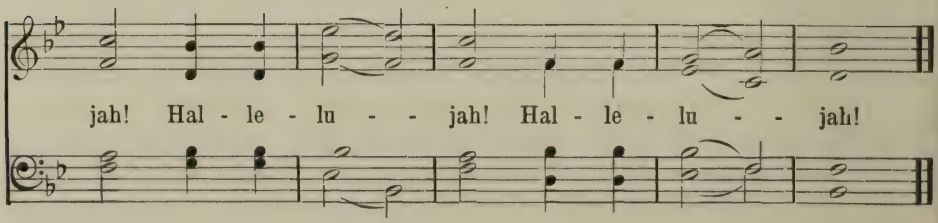




The Benediction

Then shall the **Minister** *say:*

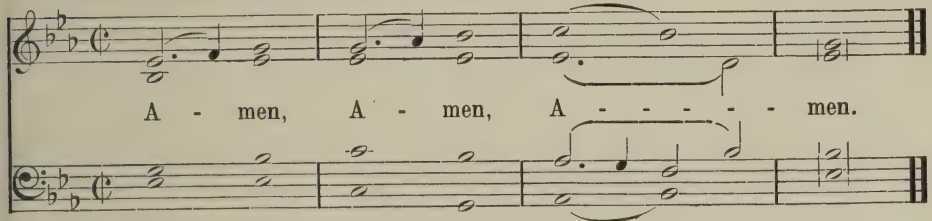
Bow your hearts to God, and receive the Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar, and the* **Congregation** *shall sing:*

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons.



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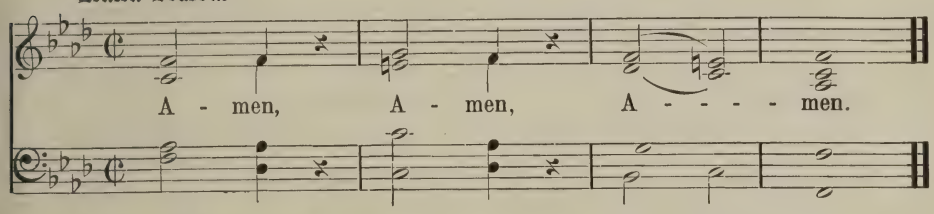

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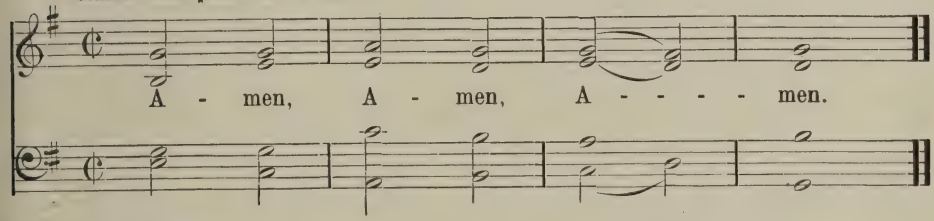

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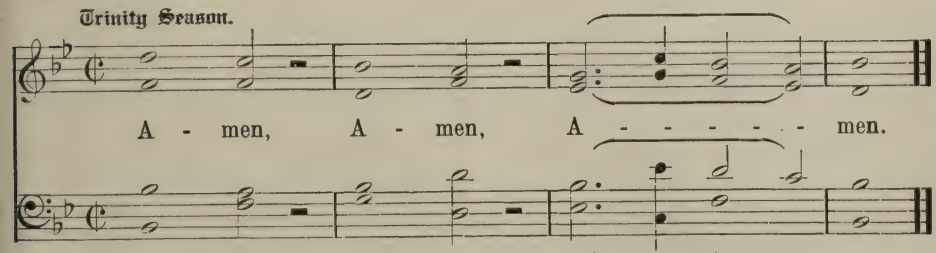


The Service shall close with silent prayer, while the **Congregation** *remains standing and the* **Minister** *kneels before the Altar.*

The Litany
and
Prayers on Special Occasions

Instead of the **General Prayer** *the* **Litany** *shall be used during* **Lent,** *on Sunday* **Rogate,** *and on special occasions.*

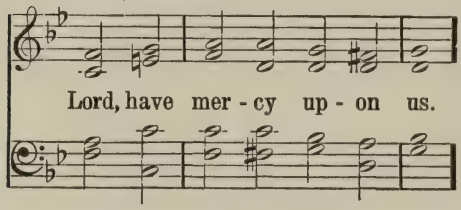
The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar and say the following prayers. The* **Congregation,** *standing, shall sing or say the responses.*

From J. SPANGENBERG, 1545.

The **Minister:**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The **Congregation:**



The **Minister:**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

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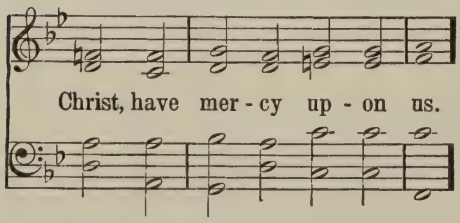

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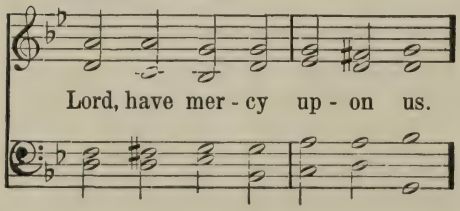

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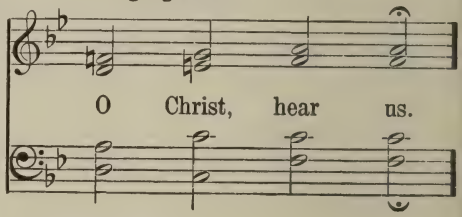

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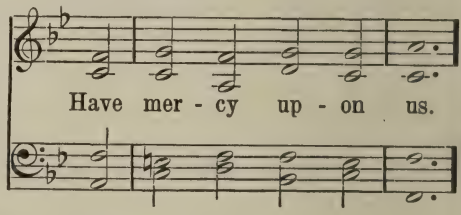

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

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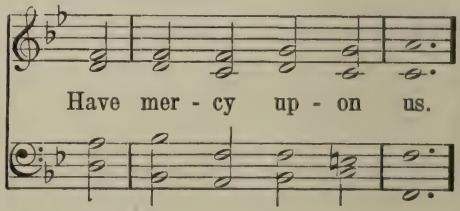

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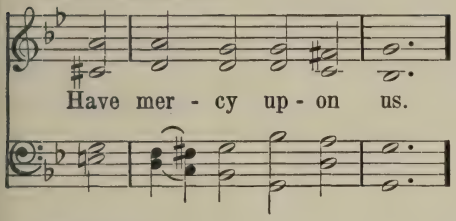

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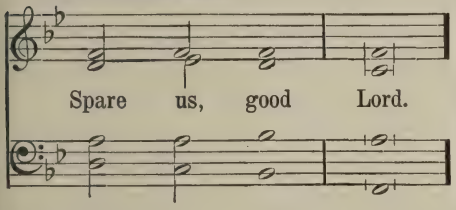

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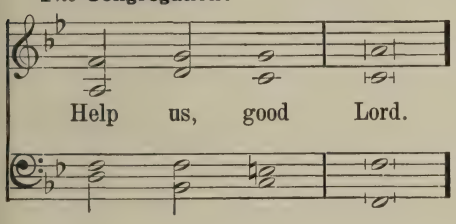

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From all sin;
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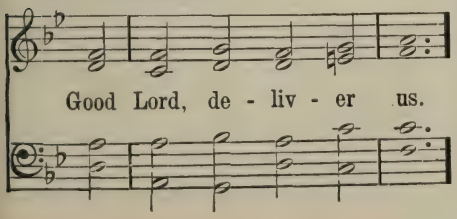

The **Minister:**

From the crafts and assaults of the devil;
From sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine;
From war and bloodshed;
From sedition and rebellion;
From lightning and tempest;
From all calamity by fire and water;
And from everlasting death:

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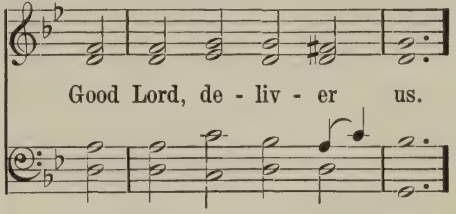

The **Minister:**

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation;
By Thy holy Nativity;
By Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation;
By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat;
By Thy Cross and Passion;
By Thy precious Death and Burial;
By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
And by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

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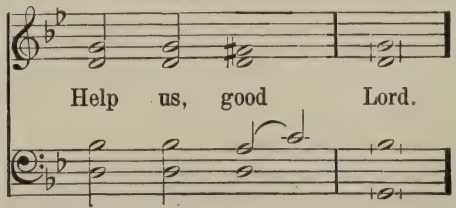

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In all time of our tribulation;
In all time of our prosperity;
In the hour of our death;
And in the day of judgment:

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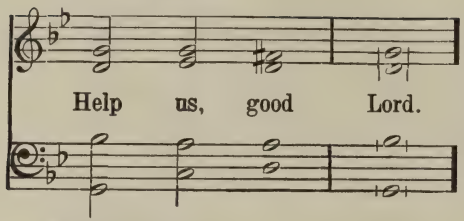

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We poor sinners do beseech Thee;

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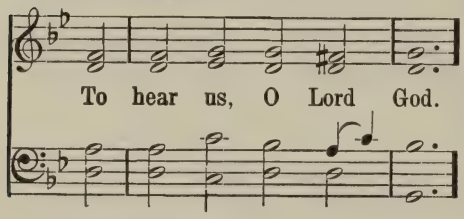

The **Minister:**

And to lead and govern Thy holy Christian Church in the right way;

To preserve all pastors and ministers of Thy Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word, and in holiness of life;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offence;

To bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet;

To send faithful laborers into Thy harvest;

To accompany Thy Word with all Thy Spirit and grace;

To raise up them that fall, and to strengthen such as do stand;

And to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:

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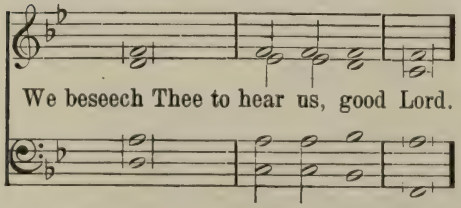

The **Minister:**

To give to all nations peace and concord;

To preserve our country from discord and contention;

To safeguard our nation against all its adversaries;

To direct and defend our President, and all in authority;

And to bless and keep our magistrates and all our people:

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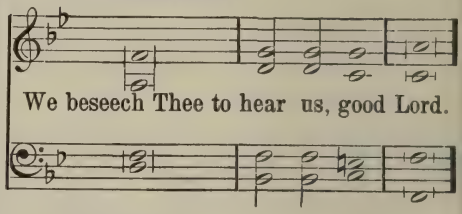

The **Minister:**

To behold and succor all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

To protect all who travel by land or water;

To preserve all women in the perils of child-birth;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children;

To set free all who are innocently imprisoned;

To defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows;

And to have mercy upon all men:

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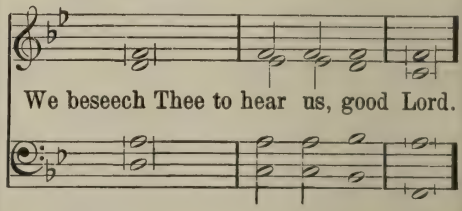

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To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth;

And graciously to hear our prayers:

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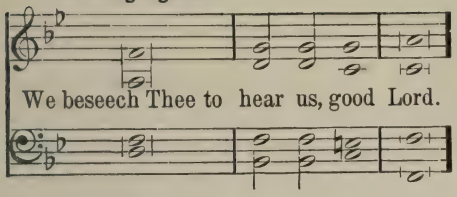

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O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;

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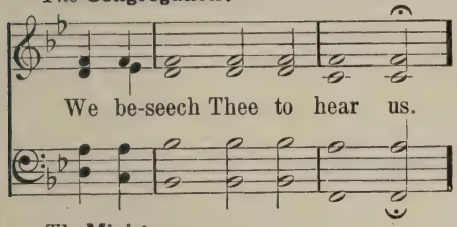

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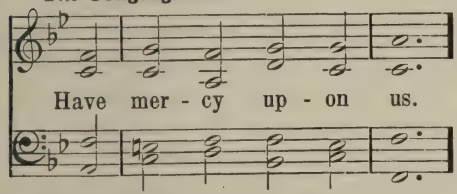

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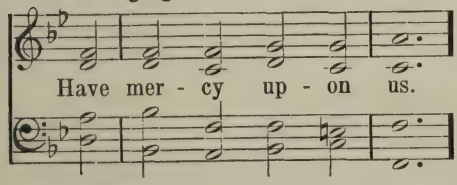

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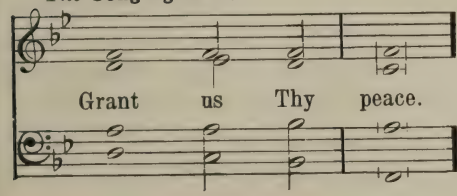

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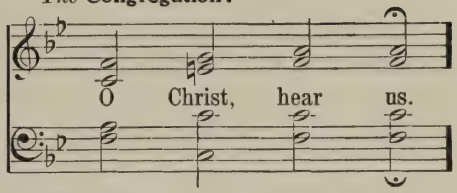

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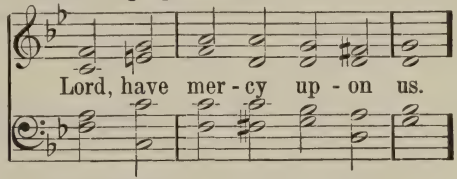

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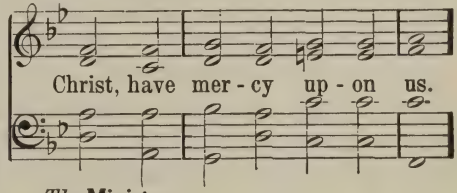

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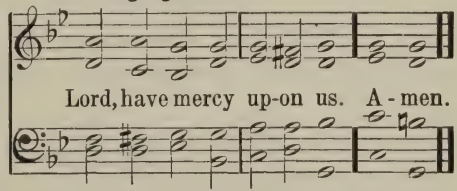

Then shall the **Minister,** *and the* **Congregation** *with him, say the Lord's Prayer:*

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer on Advent Sunday

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Who camest to Israel of old, just and having salvation; We thank Thee that Thou still comest to Thy Church in Thy Word and Sacraments, to preach good tidings to the poor, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind. Grant us by Thy Holy Spirit to receive Thee with willing hearts and joyfully to hail Thee as our King. Strengthen us that we may fearlessly confess Thee before the world. Grant us grace that with watchfulness we may await Thy coming in glory, and in that hour be found ready to stand before Thee and with Thee to enter into Thine eternal joy. Amen.

Prayer on Christmas Day

Heavenly Father, rich in love and mercy! We thank and praise Thee that Thou hast graciously fulfilled the word of Thy promise to the fathers and suffered Thine only-begotten Son to become man for our salvation. Lord Jesus Christ, to Thee be everlasting praise, that Thou, being rich, for our sakes becamest poor that we through Thy poverty might become rich. Thou hast become our Brother that we with Thee might become the children of God. Be Thou born also in our hearts, and as Thou, the Lord of lords, hast for our sakes become a child, so give us a right child-like mind. Thou Brightness of the Father's glory and Image of His person, do Thou renew us in Thy holy likeness. Thou heavenly Light, light us through the darkness of this world. Thou eternal Life, give us life in Thee. Thou great Prince of peace, grant us Thy peace, and keep us ever in Thy Kingdom, that we may laud and magnify Thee in Thy glory, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest forever. Amen.

Prayer on New Year's Day

Almighty and eternal God, great in mercy, unchangeable in faithfulness! Thou art the same and Thy years shall have no end. To Thee we render thanks and praise on this first day of the year for all the mercy which Thou hast so abundantly shown us in the days that are gone. We beseech Thee that Thou wilt ever henceforward grant us to enjoy the blessing which Thou hast prepared for us in Christ Jesus, Thy Son. Create in us a new heart with this New Year. Teach us to seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness, and so shall all we need of earthly good be added unto us. In Thy Name, Lord Jesus, we would begin and end all our works. Pour out Thy blessing upon us, and upon all who with us call upon Thy Name. Amen.

Prayer during Lent

Lord Jesus, ineffably great was Thy love toward us, fallen men, that Thou didst become man and suffer shame, anguish, pain, and death for us sinners, who otherwise would have perished eternally. Give us grace that we may ever remember, and in faith receive, Thine atoning sacrifice; and that for this unspeakable mercy we may praise Thee and the Father and the Holy Spirit. Help us ever to live a Christian life, and in all need and adversity find comfort in the assurance that Thou art our Saviour, Who hast delivered us from the power of death and the devil, and Who finally wilt take us from this world of travail to Thyself in heaven, there to perfect Thy praise forever. Amen.

Prayer on Good Friday

Lord Jesus, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world! We thank Thee for Thy great love toward us, miserable sinners, that Thou for our sake didst humble Thyself and become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Thou hast borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. The chastisement of our peace was upon Thee, and with Thy stripes we are healed. Praised be Thy Holy Name! Cleanse us now from our sins by Thy blood, and grant us Thy peace. Help us by the power of Thy death to die unto sin and to take up the cross and follow Thee. Keep us in communion with Thee, that with all who have overcome by Thy blood we may finally thank and praise Thee forever. Amen.

Prayer on Easter Sunday

Almighty God, our heavenly Father! We enter into Thy presence with thanksgiving. We praise Thee that Thou, Who for our sins didst give Thine only-begotten Son, hast for our justification raised Him again and made Him the Conqueror of sin and death. Lord Jesus, Thou Prince of Life, grant us by Thy Holy Spirit that in the power of Thy Resurrection we may arise and walk in newness of life. Give us the comfort of a living hope. Come unto us as Thou didst come unto Thy first disciples, and give us Thy peace. Keep us in this peace even unto the end, and in the hour of death help us to hold fast to Thee, Who art the Resurrection and the Life. Raise at last our mortal bodies and fashion them like unto Thy glorified body, that with the Church triumphant we may finally sing: "Thanks be to God, Who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

Prayer on Ascension Day

Holy and blessed Saviour! We praise Thee that Thou hast accomplished Thy work of redemption. Thou, King Eternal, art seated on the right hand of God, and the hosts of heaven do worship Thee. We, too, come before Thee with adoration, thanksgiving, and praise, that Thou hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood and opened unto us a way to heaven. We are but pilgrims and strangers in the earth; help us safely through the trials of this present time. Create in us a heavenly mind, that we may seek the things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth. Lord Jesus, Thou Who art the head of Thy Church, bestow upon Thy people the rich gifts of Thy Spirit, and exalt us with all Thy faithful unto the same place whither Thou art gone before, ever to behold Thy glory. Amen.

Prayer on the Day of Pentecost

O God, we praise Thee, that on the first day of Pentecost Thou didst pour forth Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy faithful people, and thereby didst found Thy Church upon the earth. We thank Thee that we, too, have been received into Thy Church. We thank Thee for Thy Word and Sacraments, by which Thou wouldst sanctify us through the power of Thy Holy Spirit. We beseech Thee, send forth Thy Holy Spirit upon us, upon our congregations, and upon our homes. Come, Holy Spirit, quicken our dull hearts; cleanse us from sin; increase our faith and kindle in us a fervent love one to another, that we may preserve the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Spirit of Truth, guide us in Thy truth, and grant us whatsoever is profitable for life and godliness, to Thy glory and our salvation. Amen.

Prayer on Trinity Sunday

Holy Triune God! We thank Thee that by Thy gracious revelation Thou hast made Thyself known to us as our God, and that in baptism Thou hast received us as Thy children of grace, born again unto eternal life. O Thou, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Love and Mercy! Gracious Saviour, Lord Jesus Christ, our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification and our redemption! O Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth, of adoption, and of prayer! We praise Thee, we glorify Thee, we worship Thee, O Triune God. Come unto us, and make Thy abode with us. Create in us a true faith and a living hope. Grant us finally with Thy holy angels and all the elect to worship, praise, and serve Thee in Thy holy temple. Amen.

Prayer at Reformation Festivals

Almighty, ever-living God, we thank and praise Thee that in the time of our fathers Thou didst cause again the clear light of Thy gospel to shine forth, and that Thou didst give Thy servants grace fearlessly to confess Thy truth. We thank Thee that Thou hast granted us unto this day to hold fast Thy pure Word, unworthy though we be. Forbid, O God, that we should pervert Thy gospel and use our freedom for a cloak of wickedness. Mercifully keep us from error. May Thy Word and Thy Sacraments be transmitted pure to our posterity. Grant to the ministers of Thy Word to-day, as Thou didst to its first confessors, power and wisdom rightly to bear witness to Thee, and to overcome the adversaries of Thy gospel. Grant that Thy Church may be united more closely in truth and love; and be Thou, O God, our defense and stay against all the power of the enemy, that by Thy might we may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand; to the praise and glory of Thy Name. Amen.

Prayer at Mission Festivals

Almighty God, loving Father, Thou Who gavest Thine only-begotten Son that the world might be saved through Him: We commend to Thy tender mercies all the nations that walk in darkness and that dwell in the land of the shadow of death. Kindle in our hearts a fervent love toward Thee, that we may be truly zealous for the extension of Thy kingdom upon the earth. The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. We pray Thee, O Lord, send forth laborers into Thy harvest. Strengthen and bless Thy servants in their labors. Grant that through the gospel Thy Name may be glorified in all the earth, and finally grant us with all the countless hosts of peoples and nations and tongues to serve and praise Thee in Thy glory forever. Amen.

Prayer on Thanksgiving Day

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the manifold gifts we have received from Thy bountiful hand. Thou hast permitted Thy Word to dwell abundantly among us, and Thou hast favored us with many earthly blessings. Lord, we are unworthy of Thy faithfulness and mercy; but we pray Thee, continue to be gracious toward us. Give us all things needful and wholesome, and grant us in all the vicissitudes of life to remain a people which trusts in Thy mighty aid, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Fruits of the Earth

Almighty God, merciful Father, Who of Thy great goodness dost replenish the earth with divers fruits to be the food of man and beast: We beseech Thee for Thy blessing that our land may yield us its fruits of increase. Grant seasonable weather for the harvest of the earth, and preserve it from all things harmful. Crown the year with Thy goodness. Preserve us, O God, from years of barrenness, from dearth and famine, and prosper us in Thy mercy. We confess our sins before Thee: be gracious unto Thy people and forsake us not; bless us with all that Thou hast ordained for our sustenance, and give us grace rightly to use the same to the praise and honor of Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Who Are to Be Confirmed

Gracious Lord and loving Father! Through Holy Baptism Thou hast already received into Thy grace these Thy children who are now being prepared for their first communion. We beseech Thee, grant them a true knowledge of the grace which in the washing of regeneration Thou hast abundantly poured out upon them. Awaken and touch their hearts that in penitence and faith they may receive Thy salvation. And when they shall make their confession before Thee and before Thy Church, grant them the grace of Thy Holy Spirit worthily to commune at the Lord's table, and henceforth steadfastly to persevere unto the end in the confession and practice of their Christian faith; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer in Time of War

O Lord, almighty God, eternal Father! Unto Thee do we cry; hear our prayer and manifest Thy grace unto us. We confess that in manifold ways we have sinfully misused the blessings of peace which Thou hast granted our land; forgive us, O Lord. Deliver us out of the distress with which war now threatens us. Protect, sustain, and help all who go forth to meet danger and death in defense of their country. Without Thy help, O Lord, wisdom and power avail nothing. Thou alone canst exalt the humble and lay the proud in the dust. In Thy Name we put our trust, and in Thy Name we raise our standard. Be our support, O Lord of hosts, and grant us deliverance out of the hand of our enemies, that we may in the tranquillity of peace render Thee praise for the fruits of peace. Hear us, merciful God and Father, for the sake of Thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

Prayer in Times of Dearth and Famine

Almighty and gracious God, Who makest the earth to yield its increase for the sustenance and nourishment of man and beast: We have turned away from us Thy blessing through our sins, and the land is languishing from hunger. Lord God, look upon our need. O Lord, graciously lighten this punishment that we despair not. Make us patient and submissive. Bless our small provision. Bless the earth again with fruitfulness; grant seasonable weather; supply our need; and help us ever henceforth to use Thy gifts with thankfulness and moderation. Give us also with our daily bread nourishment for the soul, and we shall praise Thee now and throughout all eternity; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Sick

Almighty and eternal God, Thou art the health and strength of them that trust in Thee. We pray Thee that Thou wouldst look in mercy upon the sick and the needy. Turn their distress unto good, and if it be Thy will, restore them to health. But above all give them healing for the soul through Thy Holy Word. Help them by the remembrance of the bitter passion of Thy Son patiently to bear the affliction with which Thou hast visited them. And finally, when their hour is come, deliver them from all evil and bring them safe to Thy heavenly kingdom; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer in Times of Plague

Eternal and righteous God! We bow before Thee and confess our sins with penitent hearts. We are deserving of the affliction of this plague with which Thou hast visited us. But we invoke Thy mercy; O Lord, be gracious unto us and spare us. Deal not with us after our sins, nor reward us after our iniquities. Save us from the visitation which is spreading terror, bereavement, and sorrow among us. Teach us to bear Thy discipline in patience and always to be ready for the summons to stand before Thy presence. Into Thy hands do we commit ourselves, for Thy mercy is great. Grant us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that neither death nor life may separate us from Thy love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer at the Laying of the Corner-stone for a New Church

Almighty and merciful God, graciously bless the work which we have now commenced in this place to Thy glory. Grant that the sanctuary to be raised upon this foundation may be a place wherein Thy people shall be gathered together to worship Thee, and where they may be fed with Thy living Word and Thy holy Sacraments. Take into Thy gracious protection all who shall work in this place, and grant unto them a spirit of godliness, that they may accomplish their task in a manner well pleasing to Thee. Let no adversity hinder the progress of their work. But as we pray Thee, O Lord, for Thy help in the building of this earthly temple, so we beseech Thee the more that Thou wouldst Thyself build up Thy Church into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer in a Congregation Where a Church is Being Erected

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Who hast founded Thy Church, and through Thy servants still buildest up Thy spiritual Zion! Prosper, O Lord, our endeavor to build Thee a sanctuary in this place where Thy redeemed shall gather to hear Thy Word and partake of Thy Holy Sacraments, and to worship and praise Thy Holy Name. Establish Thou the work of our hands, for except Thou build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Preserve from harm and danger all that are here engaged. Bestow upon Thy Church unity of mind and will, and above all things grant that the temple of Thy Holy Spirit may be built and established in our hearts. Amen.

Prayer for Church Conventions

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Thou hast set Thy Son to be the Head and Lord of Thy Church, and through Thy Holy Spirit gatherest together into Thy Church the children of God that are scattered abroad: We humbly beseech Thee to grant Thy Spirit to us (those) who are now assembled to take counsel for the affairs of Thy kingdom, that our (their) deliberations may tend to the glory of Thy Name and the enlargement of Thy kingdom. Do Thou govern us (them) by Thy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, and of peace, and of love, to the end that we (they) may faithfully perform the work entrusted to our (their) care; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Common Service

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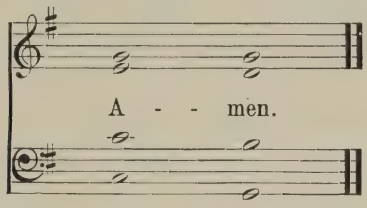
Morning

The **Congregation** *shall rise, and the* **Minister** *shall say:*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*



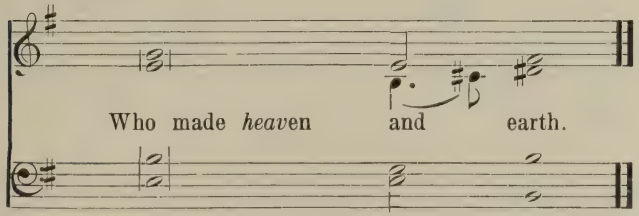
The Confession of Sins

The **Minister** *shall say:*

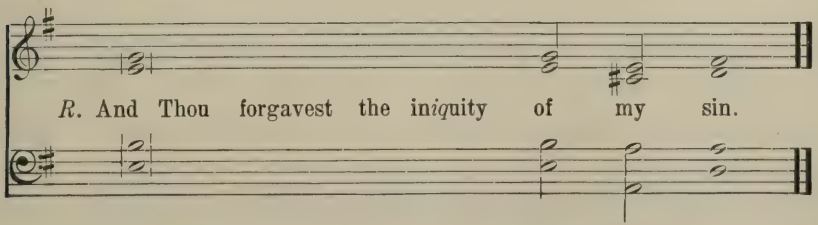
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Versicle. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Response.



V. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



Then shall the **Minister** *say:*

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

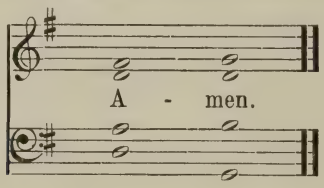
The **Congregation** *shall say with the* **Minister:**

O Most Merciful God, Who hast given Thine Only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins: and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the **Minister** *say:*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His Only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His Name, He giveth power to become the sons of God, and bestoweth upon them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

The **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*



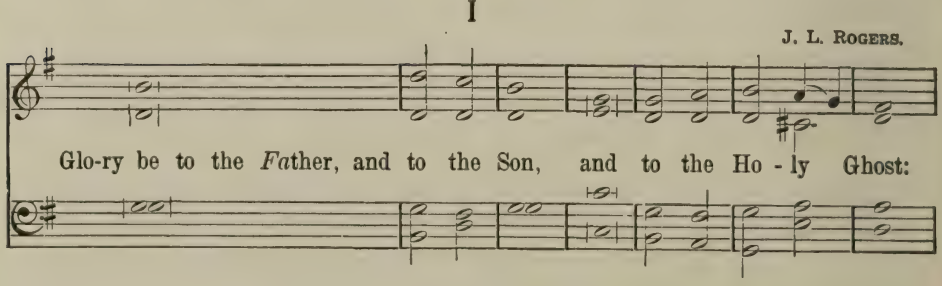
The **Congregation** *shall stand until the close of the Collect.*

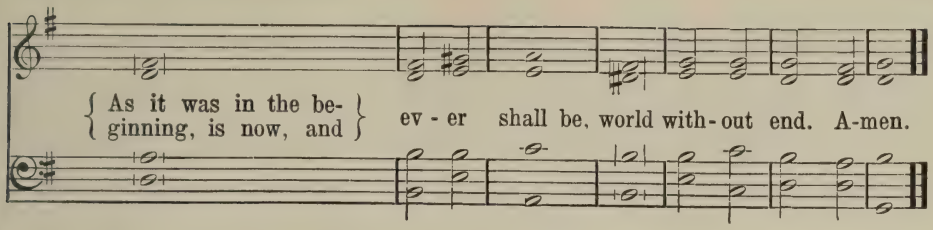
The Introit

The Introit for the Day with the Gloria Patri shall be sung or said.

The Gloria Patri

I





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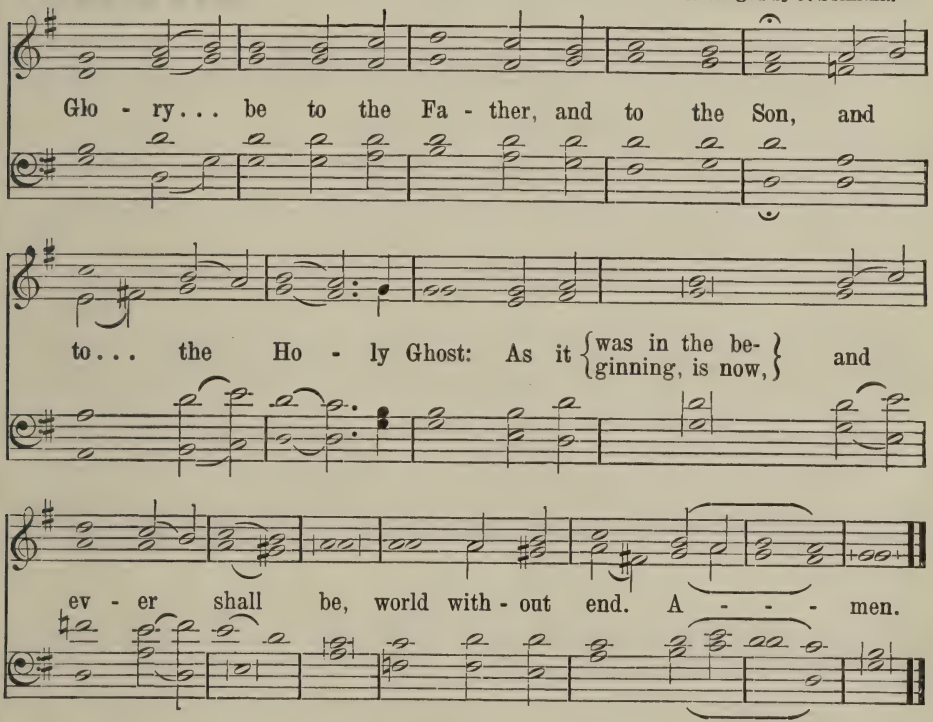
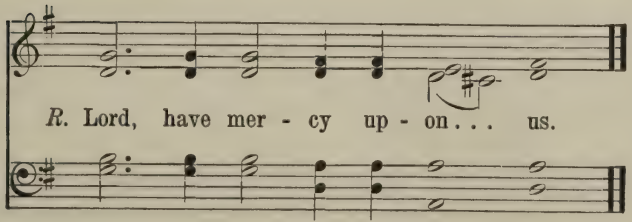

Glo - ry... be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and
to... the Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the be- ginning, is now, and
ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - - - men.

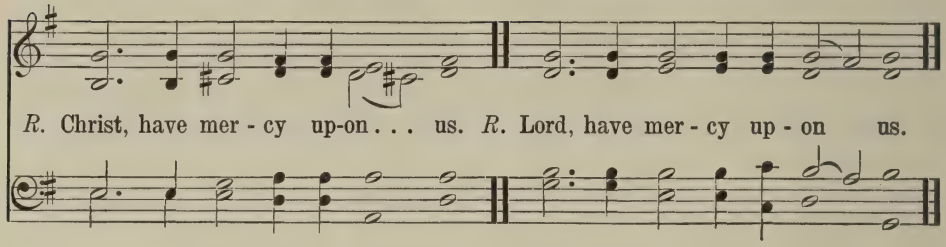
Then shall be sung or said the Kyrie.

The Kyrie

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.



V. Christ, have mercy upon us. *V.* Lord, have mercy upon us.



Then shall be sung the Gloria in Excelsis.

The Gloria in Excelsis

The **Minister** *shall say:*

Glory be to God on high!

The **Congregation** *shall sing:*

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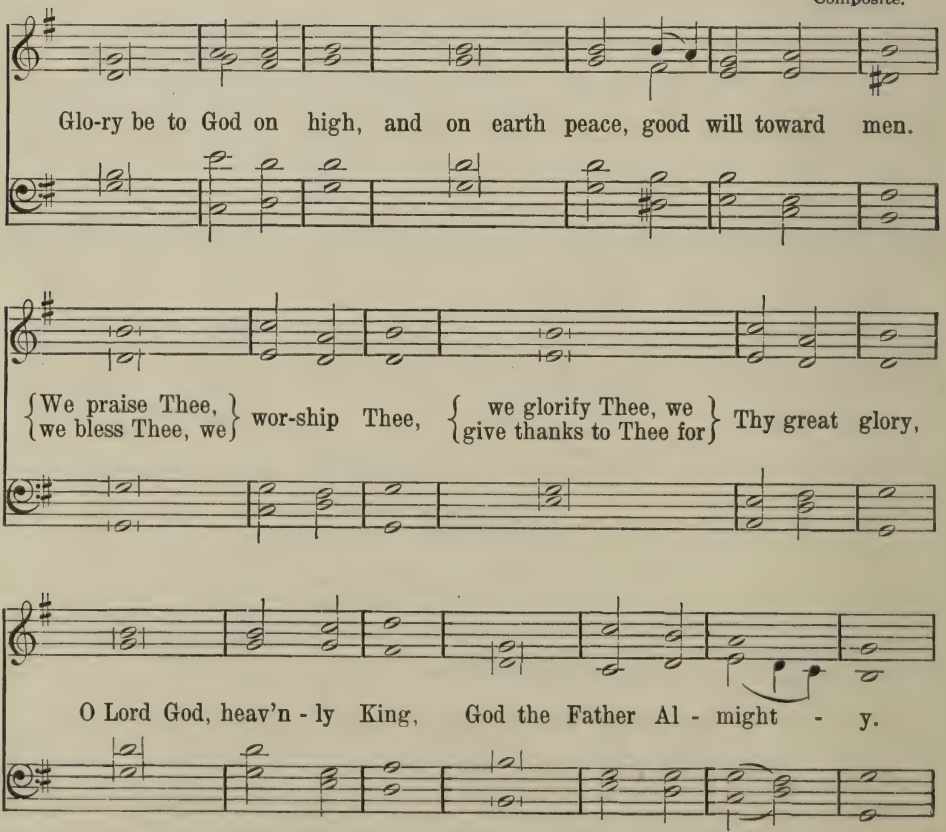
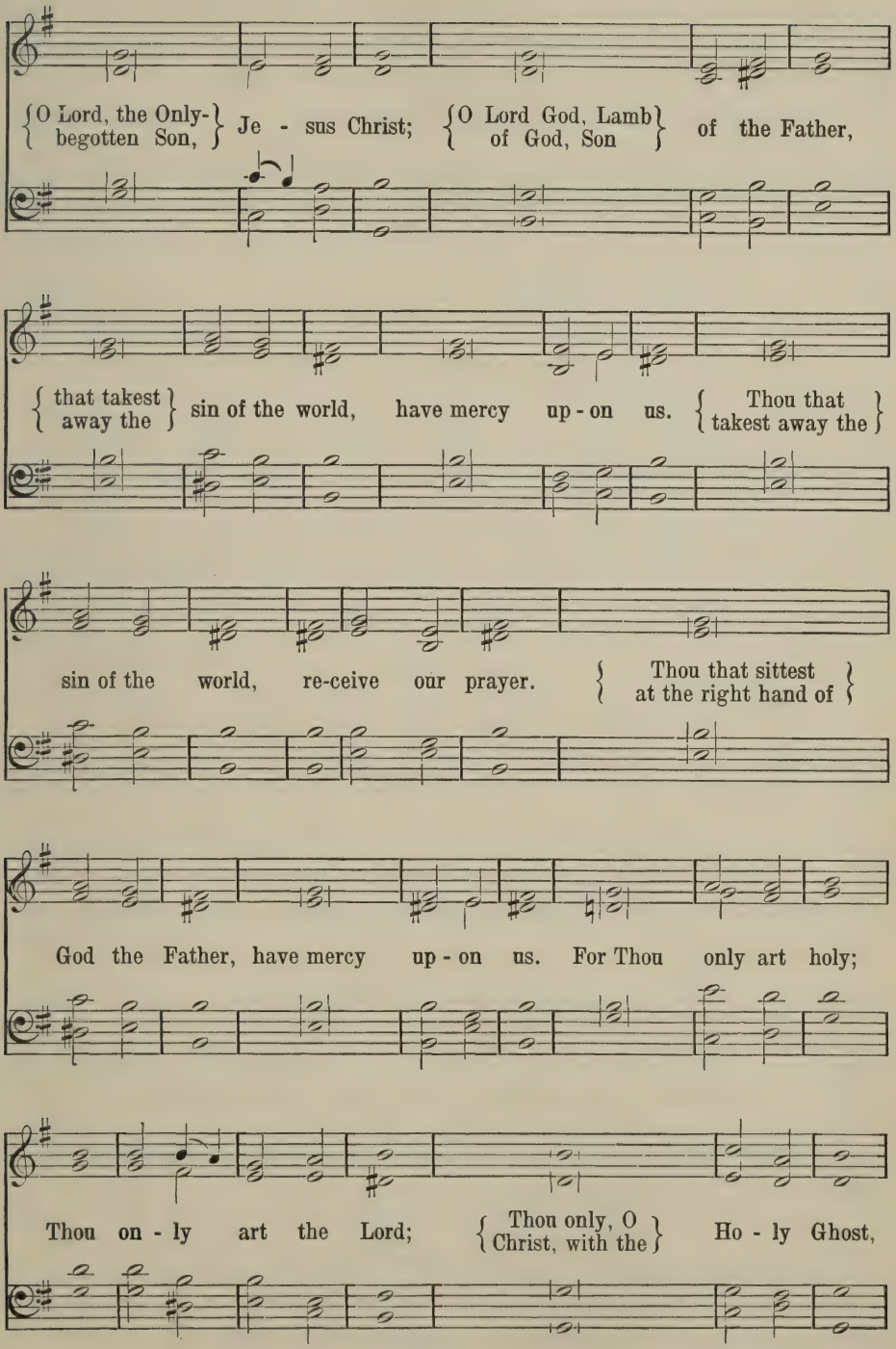
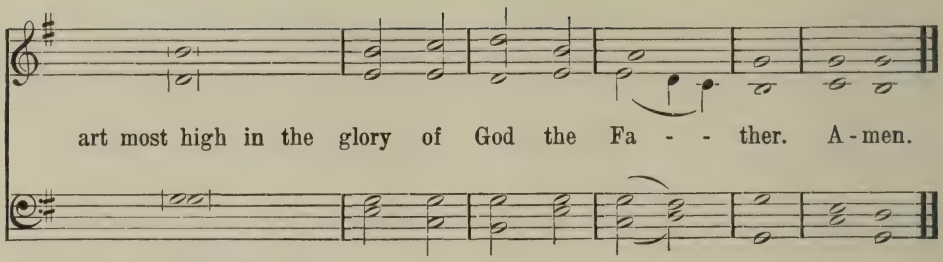

Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
{We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we} wor-ship Thee, {we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for} Thy great glory,
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Father Al - might - y.

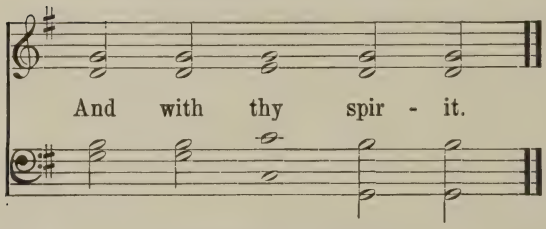

{O Lord, the Only-begotten Son,} Je - sus Christ; {O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son} of the Father,
{that takest away the} sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. {Thou that takest away the}
sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. {Thou that sittest at the right hand of}
God the Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy;
Thou on - ly art the Lord; {Thou only, O Christ, with the} Ho - ly Ghost,



Then shall the **Minister** *say:*

The Lord be with you.

The **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*



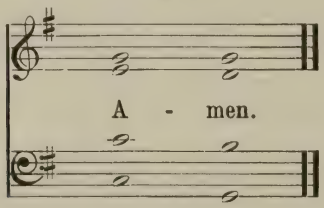
The **Minister** *shall say:*

Let us pray.

Then shall the **Minister** *say the Collect for the Day.*

The Collect

The Collect ended, the **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*



Then shall the **Minister** *announce the Epistle for the Day, saying:*

The Epistle for (*here he shall name the Festival or Day)* is written in the—— Chapter of——, beginning at the——Verse.

The Epistle

The Epistle ended, the **Minister** *shall say:*

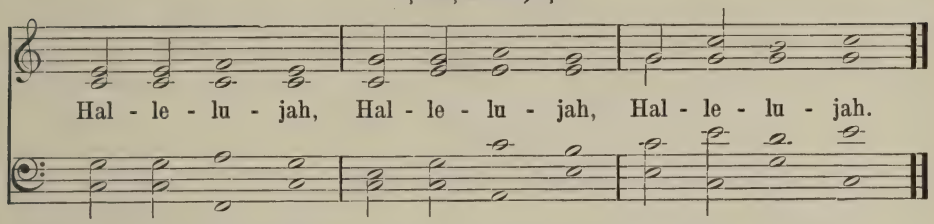
Here endeth the Epistle for the Day.

Then may the Gradual for the Day be sung.

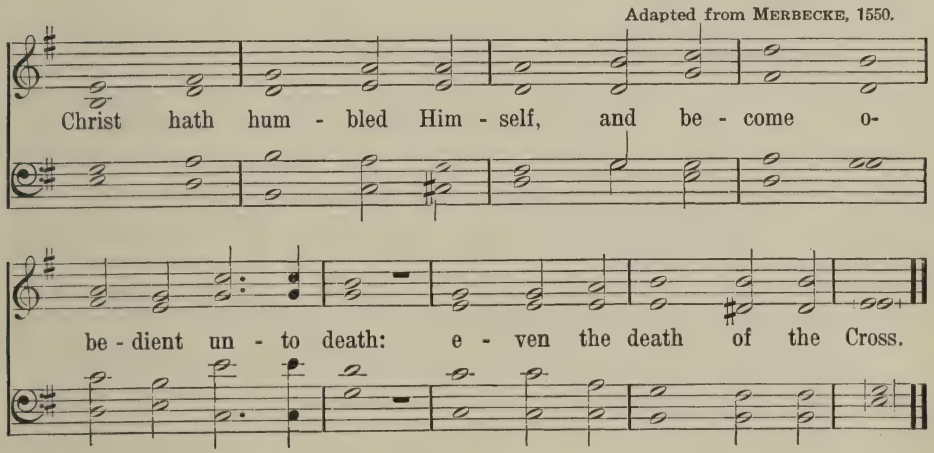
The Gradual

When the Gradual is omitted, the Hallelujah may be sung.

The Hallelujah



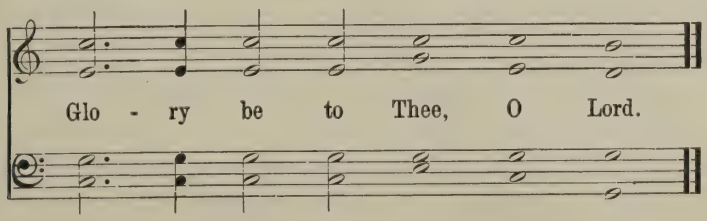
In Lent this **Sentence** *shall be sung instead of the Hallelujah:*



Then shall the **Minister** *announce the Gospel for the Day, saying:*

The Holy Gospel is written in the——Chapter of St.——, beginning at the——Verse.

The **Congregation** *shall rise and sing:*



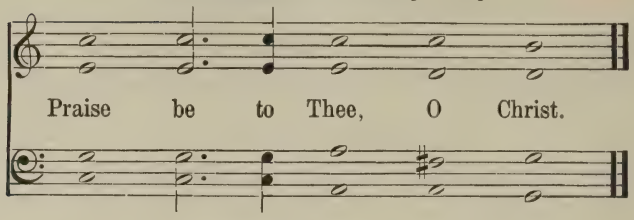
Then shall the **Minister** *read the Gospel for the Day:*

The Gospel

The Gospel ended, the **Minister** *shall say:*

Here endeth the Gospel for the Day.

The **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*



Then shall be said the Creed:

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Then shall be sung the Hymn.

The Hymn

Then shall follow the Sermon.

The Sermon

After the Sermon the **Congregation** *shall rise, and the* **Minister** *shall say:*

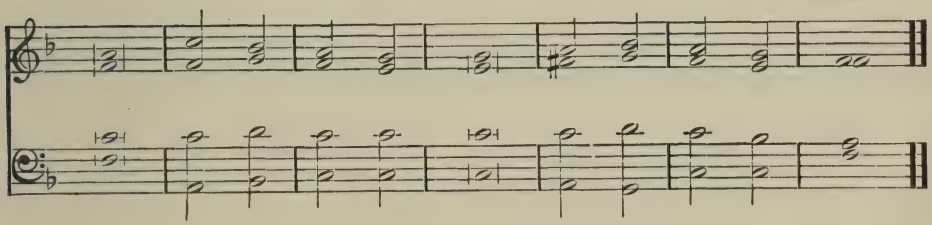
The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Then shall the Offertory be sung, at the close of which the **Congregation** *shall be seated.*

One of the Offertories here following, or any other suitable Offertory, may be used.

The Offertory

TONUS REGIUS.



I

The sacrifices of *God* are a | broken | spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, | Thou wilt | not de- | spise.
Do good in Thy good *pleas*ure | unto | Zion:
Build *Thou* the | walls · of Je- | rusa- | lem.
Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of | righteous- | ness:
With burnt-offering and | whole burnt- | offer- | ing.

II

Create in me a clean | heart, O | God:
And re*new* a right | spirit · with- | in— | me.
Cast me not a*way* | from Thy | presence:
And take not Thy | Holy | Spirit | from me.
Restore unto me the *joy* of | Thy sal- | vation:
And up*hold* me with | Thy free | Spir- | it.

Or:

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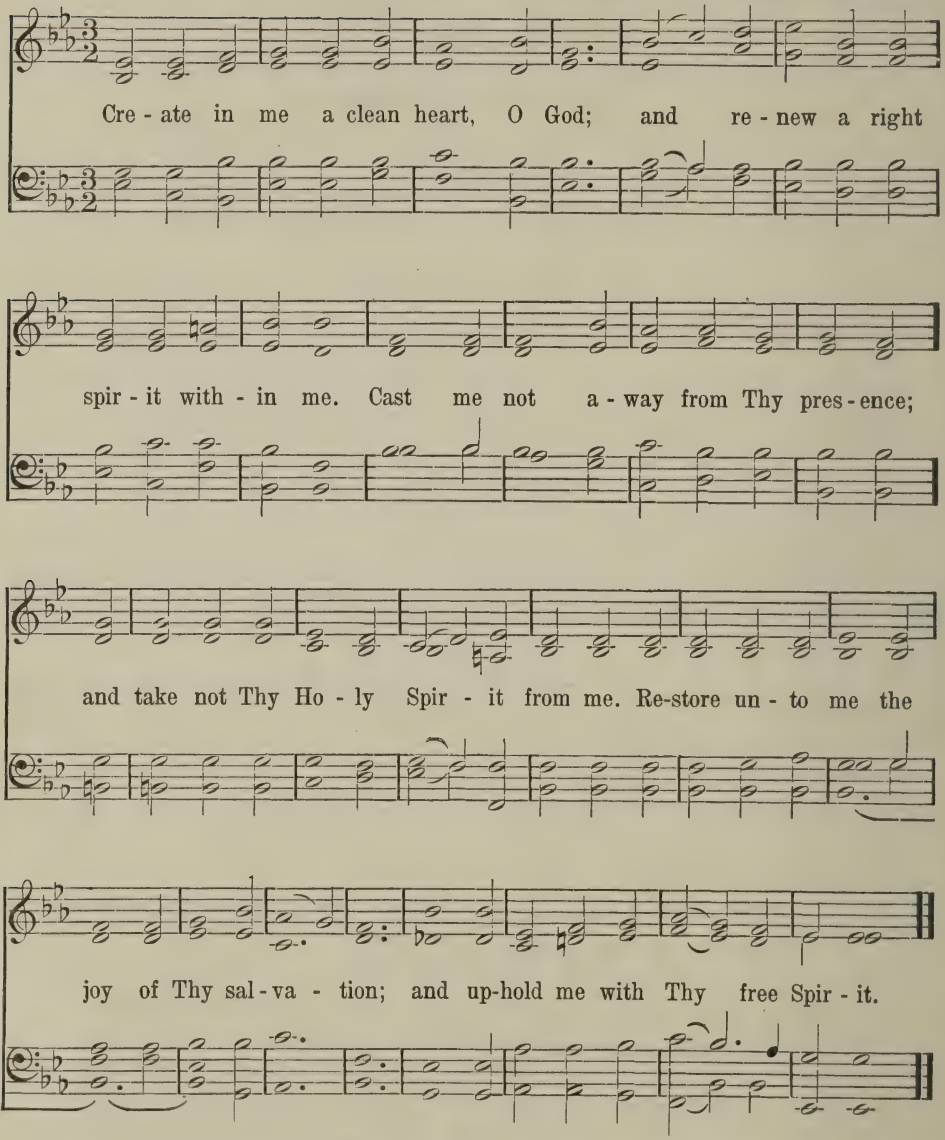

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence;
and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the
joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up-hold me with Thy free Spir - it.

Then shall the Offering be received and placed by the **Minister** *upon the Altar.*

The Offering

Then shall follow the General Prayer.

At the end of each paragraph the **Congregation** *may say:*

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

The General Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and most Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Thy dear Son, and for the revelation of Thy will and grace; and we beseech Thee so to implant Thy Word in us, that, in good and honest hearts, we may keep it, and bring forth fruit by patient continuance in well doing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee so to rule and govern Thy Church universal, that it may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Thy saving Word, whereby faith toward Thee may be strengthened, and charity increased in us toward all mankind.

Send forth Thy light and Thy truth unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Raise up faithful pastors and missionaries to preach the Gospel in our own land and to all nations; and guide, protect, and prosper them in all their labors.

Bless, we pray Thee, the institutions of the Church; its colleges, its seminaries, and all its schools; that they may send forth men and women to serve Thee, in the Ministry of the Word, the Ministry of Mercy, and all the walks of life.

Let the light of Thy Word ever shine within our homes. Keep the children of the Church in the covenant which Thou hast made with them in Holy Baptism; and grant all parents grace to bring them up in faith toward Thee and in obedience to Thy will.

Grant also health and prosperity to all that are in authority, especially to the President (and Congress) of the United States, the Governor (and Legislature) of this Commonwealth, and to all our Judges and Magistrates; and endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.

All who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity, especially those who are in suffering for Thy Name and for Thy truth's sake, comfort, O God, with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may receive and acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Thy fatherly will.

And although we have deserved Thy righteous wrath and manifold punishments, yet, we entreat Thee, O most Merciful Father, remember not the sins of our youth, nor our many transgressions; but out of Thine unspeakable goodness, grace, and mercy, defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul. Preserve us from false and pernicious doctrine, from war and blood-

shed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Thy mercy, and from an evil death. And in every time of trouble, show Thyself a very present Help, the Saviour of all men, and especially of them that believe.

Cause also the needful fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to all lawful occupations on land and sea; to all pure arts and useful knowledge; and crown them with Thy blessing.

Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.

These, and whatsoever other things Thou wouldest have us ask of Thee, O God, vouchsafe unto us, for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

Then shall the **Minister** *and the* **Congregation** *say the Lord's Prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall be sung a Hymn.

The Hymn

If there be no Communion, the **Minister** *standing at the Altar shall say the Benediction.*

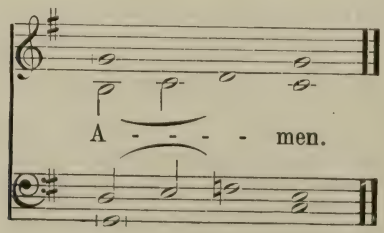
The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

The **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*



The Holy Communion

When there is a Communion, the **Minister** *shall go to the Altar during the singing of the* **Hymn.** *After Silent Prayer, he shall uncover the Vessels and reverently prepare for the Administration of the Holy Sacrament.*

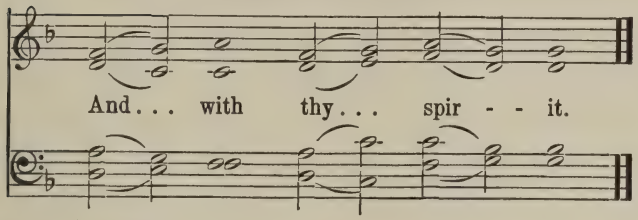
The **Congregation** *shall rise and stand until the end of the* **Agnus Dei.**

The Preface

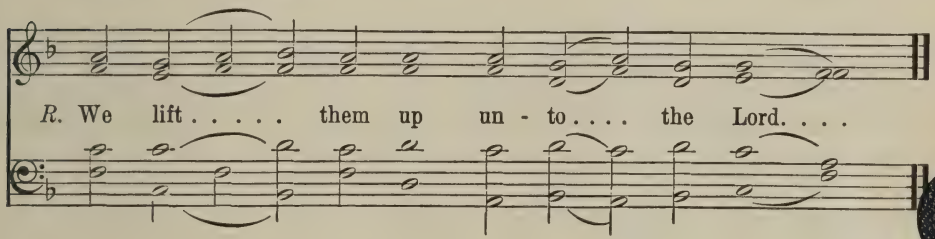
The **Minister** *shall say:*

The Lord be with you.

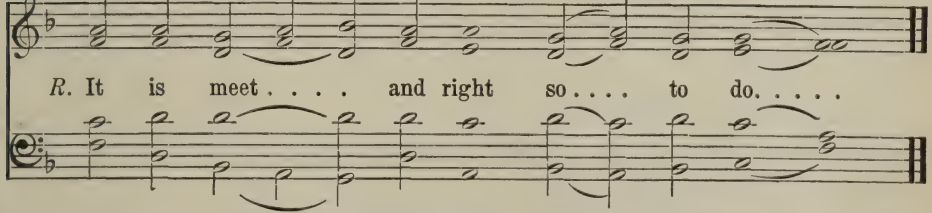
The **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*



V. Lift up your hearts.



V. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



Then shall the **Minister** *turn to the Altar and say:*

It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God.

Here shall follow the Proper Preface for the Day or Season. If there be none especially appointed, there shall follow immediately, "Therefore with Angels," etc.

Proper Prefaces

For Christmas.

For in the mystery of the Word made flesh, Thou hast given us a new revelation of Thy glory; that seeing Thee in the person of Thy Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For Epiphany.

And now do we praise Thee, that Thou didst send unto us Thine Only-begotten Son, and that in Him, being found in fashion as a man, Thou didst reveal the fullness of Thy Glory. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For Lent.

Who on the Tree of the Cross didst give salvation unto mankind; that whence death arose, thence life also might rise again: and that he who by a tree once overcame, might likewise by a Tree be overcome, through Christ our Lord; through Whom with Angels, etc.

For Easter.

But chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord: for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; Who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For the Festival of the Ascension.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who after His Resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples, and in their sight was taken up into Heaven, that He might make us partakers of His Divine Nature. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For the Festival of Pentecost.

Through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour; Who ascending above the heavens and sitting at Thy right hand, poured out (on this day) the Holy Spirit, as He had promised, upon the chosen disciples; whereat the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For the Festival of the Holy Trinity.

Who with Thine Only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, art One God, One Lord. And in the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in Person, and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty Co-equal. Therefore with Angels, etc.

After the Preface shall follow immediately:

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:

Then shall the Sanctus be sung or said.

The Sanctus

Ascribed to J. S. Bach.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth;
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

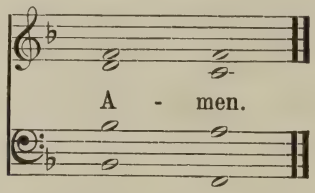
The Lord's Prayer

Then shall the **Minister** *say:*

Let us pray.

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

The **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*



Then shall the **Minister** *say the Words of Institution.*

The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed,* took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

Here he shall take the Paten, with the* **Bread, *in his hand.*

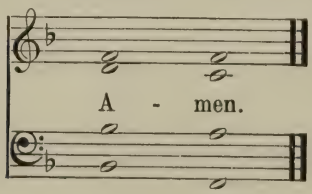
After the same manner also He** took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

***Here he shall take the* **Cup** *in his hand.*

Then shall the **Minister** *turn to the Congregation and say:*

The Peace of the Lord be with you alway.

The **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*



Then shall be sung or said the Agnus Dei.

The Agnus Dei

BRAUNSCHWEIG, 1528.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - - - - - men.

Then shall the **Communicants** *present themselves before the Altar and receive the Holy Sacrament.*

The Administration of the Holy Sacrament

When the **Minister** *giveth the* **Bread** *he shall say:*

Take and eat, this is the Body of Christ, given for thee.

When he giveth the **Cup** *he shall say:*

Take and drink, this is the Blood of the New Testament, shed for thy sins.

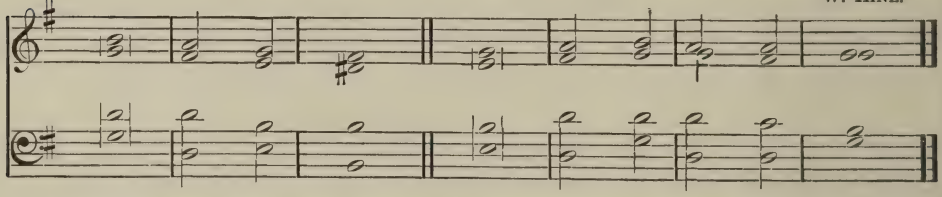
After he hath given the Bread and the Cup, the **Minister** *shall say:*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith unto everlasting life.

Then shall the **Congregation** *rise, and the Nunc Dimittis may be sung or said.*

The Nunc Dimittis

W. Hine.



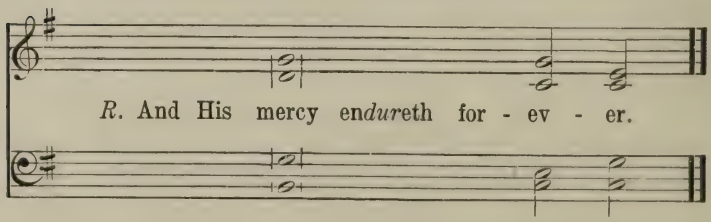
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy *serv*ant de- | part in | peace:
Ac- | cording | to Thy | word;
For mine eyes have *seen* | Thy sal- | vation:
Which Thou hast prepared before the *face* of | all | peo- | ple;
A *light* to | lighten · the | Gentiles:
And the *glo*ry of Thy | peo-ple | Isra- | el.

Glory be to the *Fa*ther, and | to the | Son:
And | to the | Holy | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be:
World | without | end. A- | men.

Then shall be said the Thanksgiving.

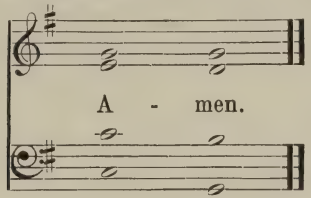
The Thanksgiving

V. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



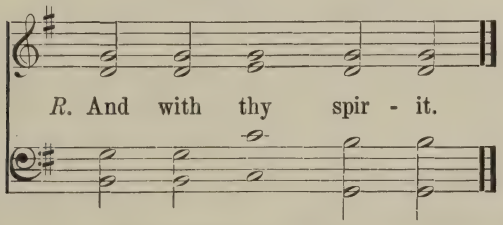
We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us with this Thy salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

The **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*

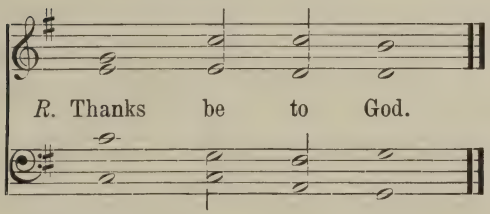


Then may be sung or said the Salutation and the Benedicamus.

V. The Lord be with you.



V. Bless we the Lord.

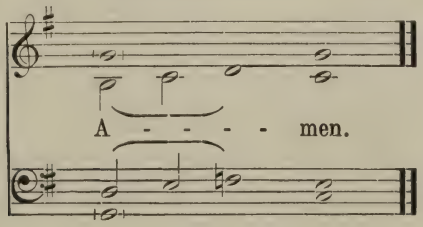


Then shall the **Minister** *say the Benediction.*

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

The **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*



The Introits

First Sunday in Advent.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul : O my God, I trust in Thee;

Let me not be ashamed : let not mine enemies triumph over me;

Yea, let none that wait on Thee : be ashamed.

Psalm. Show me Thy ways, O Lord : teach me Thy paths.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Second Sunday in Advent.

Daughter of Zion : behold thy salvation cometh. The Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard : and ye shall have gladness of heart.

Ps. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel : Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Third Sunday in Advent.

Rejoice in the Lord alway : and again I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men : the Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing : but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Ps. Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land : Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above : and let the skies pour down righteousness. Let the earth open : and bring forth salvation.

Ps. The heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament showeth His handiwork.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Christmas Day.

The Nativity of Our Lord.

I. Early Service.

The Lord hath said unto Me, Thou art my Son : this day have I begotten Thee.

Ps. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty : the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

II. Later Service.

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given : and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

And His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God : The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Ps. O sing unto the Lord a new song : for He hath done marvellous things.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Second Christmas Day.

Introit *the same as for* CHRISTMAS DAY.

First Sunday after Christmas.

Thy testimonies are very sure : holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever.

Thy throne is established of old : Thou art from everlasting.

Ps. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty : the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

New Year's Day. The Circumcision and the Name of Jesus.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth : Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

What is man that Thou art mindful of him : and the son of man that Thou visitest him?

Ps. Thou, O Lord, art our Father and our Redeemer : from everlasting is Thy Name.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Sunday after New Year.

Introit *the same as for the* First Sunday after Christmas.

Epiphany of Our Lord.

Behold, the Lord, the Ruler, hath come : and the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are in His hand.

Ps. Give the King Thy judgments, O God : and Thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

First Sunday after the Epiphany.

I saw also the Lord, sitting upon a throne : high and lifted up.

And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, Alleluia : for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany.

All the earth shall worship Thee : and shall sing unto Thee, O God.

They shall sing to Thy Name : O Thou Most Highest.

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands : sing forth the honor of His Name, make His praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany.

Worship Him, all ye His angels : Zion heard and was glad.

The daughters of Judah rejoiced : because of Thy judgments, O Lord.

Ps. The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice : let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany.

Introit *the same as for the* Third Sunday after the Epiphany.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.

Introit *the same as for the* Third Sunday after the Epiphany.

Septuagesima Sunday.

The sorrows of death compassed me: the sorrows of hell compassed me about.

In my distress, I called upon the Lord : and He heard my voice out of His temple.

Ps. I will love Thee, O Lord my Strength : the Lord is my Rock and my Fortress.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Sexagesima Sunday.

Awake, why sleepest Thou, O Lord : arise, cast us not off for ever.

Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face : and forgettest our affliction?

Our soul is bowed down to the dust : arise for our help and redeem us.

Ps. We have heard with our ears, O God : our fathers have told us what work Thou didst in their days.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Quinquagesima Sunday.

Be Thou my strong Rock : for an house of defense to save me.

Thou art my Rock and my Fortress : therefore for Thy Name's sake lead me and guide me.

Ps. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed : deliver me in Thy righteousness.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ash Wednesday.
First Day of Lent.

I will cry unto God Most High : unto God that performeth all things for me.

Yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge : until these calamities be overpast.

Ps. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me : for my soul trusteth in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Invocavit.
First Sunday in Lent.

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him : I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him : and show him My salvation.

Ps. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Reminiscere.
Second Sunday in Lent.

Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy lovingkindnesses : for they have been ever of old.

Let not mine enemies triumph over me : God of Israel, deliver us out of all our troubles.

Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul : O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Oculi.
Third Sunday in Lent.

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord : for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me : for I am desolate and afflicted.

Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul : O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Lætare.
Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Rejoice, ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her : all ye that love her.

Rejoice for joy with her : all ye that mourn for her.

Ps. I was glad when they said unto me : Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Judica.
Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Judge me, O God : and plead my cause against an ungodly nation.

O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man : for Thou art the God of my strength.

Ps. O send out Thy light and Thy truth : let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Palmarum.
Sixth Sunday in Lent.

Be not Thou far from me, O Lord : O my strength, haste Thee to help me.

Save me from the lion's mouth : and deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.

Ps. My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me : why art Thou so far from helping me?

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Monday in Holy Week.

Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me : fight against them that fight against me.

Take hold of shield and buckler : and stand up for mine help.

Ps. Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me : say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Tuesday in Holy Week.

God forbid that I should glory : save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead : by Him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

Ps. God be merciful unto us, and bless us : and cause His face to shine upon us.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Wednesday in Holy Week.

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow : of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.

For He became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross : wherefore He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ps. Hear my prayer, O Lord : and let my cry come unto Thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Thursday in Holy Week.

Introit *the same as for* Tuesday in Holy Week.

Good Friday.

Introit *the same as for* Tuesday in Holy Week; *or this:*

Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows : He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.

All we like sheep have gone astray : and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Ps. Hear my prayer, O Lord : and let my cry come unto Thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Easter Day.
The Resurrection of Our Lord.

When I awake, I am still with Thee, Hallelujah : Thou hast laid Thine hand upon me. Hallelujah.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me : it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me : Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Or:

He is risen, Hallelujah : Why seek ye the Living among the dead? Hallelujah.

Remember how He spake unto you, Hallelujah : the Son of Man must be crucified, and the third day rise again. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Ps. Thou crownedst Him with glory and honor : Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Monday after Easter.

Introit and Collect *the same as for* EASTER DAY.

Quasi Modo Geniti.
First Sunday after Easter.

As newborn babes : desire the sincere milk of the Word.

Hear, O My people, and I will testify unto thee : O Israel, if thou wilt harken unto Me.

Ps. Sing aloud unto God our strength : make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Misericordias Domini.
Second Sunday after Easter.

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord : by the Word of the Lord were the heavens made.

Ps. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous : for praise is comely for the upright.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Jubilate.
Third Sunday after Easter.

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands : sing forth the honor of His Name; make His praise glorious.

Ps. Say unto God, how terrible art Thou in Thy works : through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Cantate.
Fourth Sunday after Easter.

O sing unto the Lord a new song : for He hath done marvellous things.

The Lord hath made known His salvation : His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

Ps. His right hand, and His holy arm : hath gotten Him the victory.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Rogate.
Fifth Sunday after Easter.

With the voice of singing declare ye, and tell this : utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah.

The Lord hath redeemed His servant Jacob : Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands : sing forth the honor of His Name; make His praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Ascension of Our Lord.

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? : Hallelujah.

This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven : Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Ps. O clap your hands, all ye people : shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Exaudi.
Sixth Sunday after Easter.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice : Hallelujah.

When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face : my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not Thy face from me : Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Ps. The Lord is my Light, and my Salvation : whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Festival of Pentecost. Whitsunday.

The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world : Hallelujah.

Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God : yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Ps. Let God arise; let His enemies be scattered : let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Monday in Whitsun-week.

Introit *the same as for* WHITSUNDAY.

Festival of the Holy Trinity.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, and the undivided Unity :

Let us give glory to Him because He hath shown His mercy to us.

Ps. O Lord, our Lord : how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father, etc.

First Sunday after Trinity.

O Lord, I have trusted in Thy mercy : my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord : because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

Ps. How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord : How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Second Sunday after Trinity.

The Lord was my stay : He brought me forth also into a large place.

He delivered me : because He delighted in me.

Ps. I will love Thee, O Lord, my Strength : the Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Third Sunday after Trinity.

Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me : for I am desolate and afflicted.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain : and forgive all my sins.

Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul : O my God, I trust in Thee, let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity.

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear :

The Lord is the Strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me : they stumbled and fell.

Ps. Though an host should encamp against me : my heart shall not fear.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice : Thou hast been my help.

Leave me not, neither forsake me : O God of my Salvation.

Ps. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation : whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity.

The Lord is the strength of His people : He is the saving strength of His anointed.

Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance : feed them also, and lift them up forever.

Ps. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord, my Rock; be not silent unto me : lest if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity.

O clap your hands : all ye people.

Shout unto God : with the voice of triumph.

Ps. He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Transfiguration of Our Lord.

The lightnings lightened the world : the earth trembled and shook.

Ps. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts : my soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Eighth Sunday after Trinity.

We have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God : in the midst of Thy Temple.

According to Thy Name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth : Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Ps. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised : in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

Behold, God is mine Helper : the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies : cut them off in Thy truth, O Lord.

Ps. Save me, O God, by Thy Name : and judge me by Thy strength.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

As for me, I will call upon God, and He shall hear my voice : He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me.

God shall hear and afflict them, even He that abideth of old : Cast Thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.

Ps. Give ear to my prayer, O God : and hide not Thyself from my supplication.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

God is in His holy habitation : He is God Who setteth the solitary in families.

The God of Israel is He that giveth strength : and power unto His people.

Ps. Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered : let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me : make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and confounded : that seek after my soul.

Ps. Let them be turned backward, and put to confusion : that desire my hurt.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Have respect, O Lord, unto Thy covenant : O let not the oppressed return ashamed.

Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause : and forget not the voice of Thine enemies.

Ps. O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever : Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture?

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Behold, O God our Shield : and look upon the face of Thine Anointed;

For a day in Thy courts : is better than a thousand.

Ps. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts : my soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me : O Thou, my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord : for I cry unto Thee daily.

Ps. Rejoice the soul of Thy servant : for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord : for I cry unto Thee daily.

For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive : and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Ps. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me : for I am poor and needy.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.

Righteous art Thou, O Lord : and upright are Thy judgments.

Deal with Thy servant : according to Thy mercy.

Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way : who walk in the law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Reward them that wait for Thee, O Lord : and let Thy prophets be found faithful.

Hear the prayer of Thy servants : and of Thy people Israel.

Ps. I was glad when they said unto me : Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Say unto my soul, I am thy Salvation : the righteous cry, and the Lord heareth.

He delivereth them out of all their troubles : He is their God forever and ever.

Ps. Give ear, O My people, to My law : incline your ears to the words of My mouth.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

The Lord our God is righteous in all His works which He doeth : for we obeyed not His voice.

Give glory to Thy Name, O Lord : and deal with us according to the multitude of Thy mercies.

Ps. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised : in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.

The whole world is in Thy power, O Lord, King Almighty : there is no man that can gainsay Thee.

For Thou hast made heaven and earth, and all the wondrous things under the heaven : Thou art Lord of all.

Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way : who walk in the law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities : O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee : that Thou mayest be feared, O God of Israel.

Ps. Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.

I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord : thoughts of peace, and not of evil.

Then shall ye call upon Me, and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you : and I will turn your captivity, and gather you from all nations and from all places.

Ps. Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land : Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.

O come, let us worship and bow down : let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God : and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Ps. O come, let us sing unto the Lord : let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble : deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

Let me not be ashamed, O Lord : for I have called upon Thee.

Ps. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust : let me never be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity.

Save me, O God, by Thy Name : and judge me by Thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God : give ear to the words of my mouth.

Ps. He shall reward evil to mine enemies : cut them off in Thy truth.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Trinity.

The Introit *here following shall be used the* Last Sunday after Trinity *of each year.*

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending : which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them : and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Ps. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of Glory shall come in.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Minor Festivals of the Church Year.

The Day of the Presentation of Christ.

(Candlemas.)

We have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God : in the midst of Thy temple.

According to Thy Name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth : Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Ps. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised : in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Annunciation.

March 25.

All the rich among the people shall entreat Thy favor : she shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework.

Her companions shall be brought unto Thee : with gladness and rejoicing.

Ps. My heart is inditing a good matter : I speak of the things which I have made touching the King.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

June 24.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness : Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

And the glory of the Lord : shall be revealed.

Ps. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord : and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

St. Michael and All Angels.

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength : that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts : ye ministers of His that do His pleasure.

Ps. Bless the Lord, O my soul ; and all that is within me bless His holy Name.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Festival of the Reformation.

October 31.

The Sunday preceding this Festival may be observed as REFORMATION SUNDAY, *except when October 31st fall on Saturday, in which event the following day may be observed as* REFORMATION SUNDAY.

The Lord of Hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our Refuge.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed : and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Ps. God is our Refuge and Strength: a very present help in trouble.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

All Saints' Day.

November 1.

These are they which have come out of great tribulation : and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God : and serve Him day and night in His temple.

Ps. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous : for praise is comely for the upright.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Festival of Harvest.

O Lord, Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness : and Thy paths drop fatness.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it : Thou blessest the springing thereof.

Ps. Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion : and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

A Day of Humiliation and Prayer.

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the Lord hath spoken : I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me.

They have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger : they are gone away backward.

Ps. If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities : O Lord, who shall stand?

Glory be to the Father, etc.

A Day of General or Special Thanksgiving.

The proper Service for this Day is the Order for Matins; but when The Service is used the following Propria are appointed.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord : Praise ye the Lord.

Praise Him for His mighty acts : Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Ps. Praise ye the Lord; praise God in His sanctuary : Praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Common Service

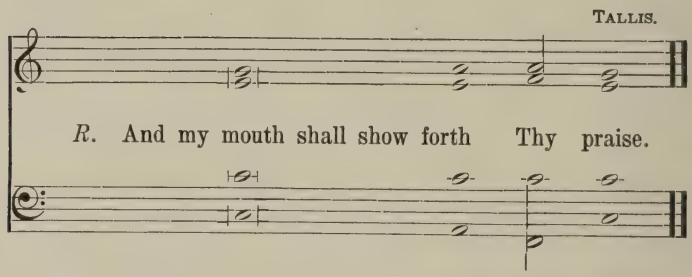
Vespers

The Versicles with the Gloria Patri shall be sung or said, the **Congregation** *standing until the end of the Psalm.*

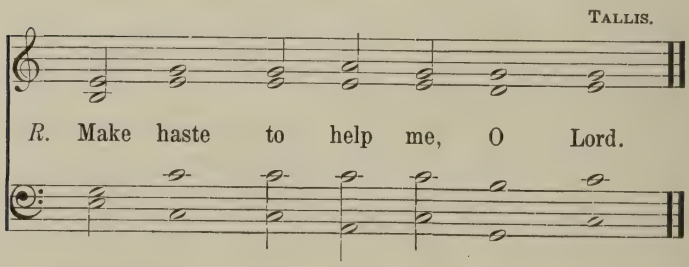
The Hallelujah shall be omitted in Lent.

The Versicle.

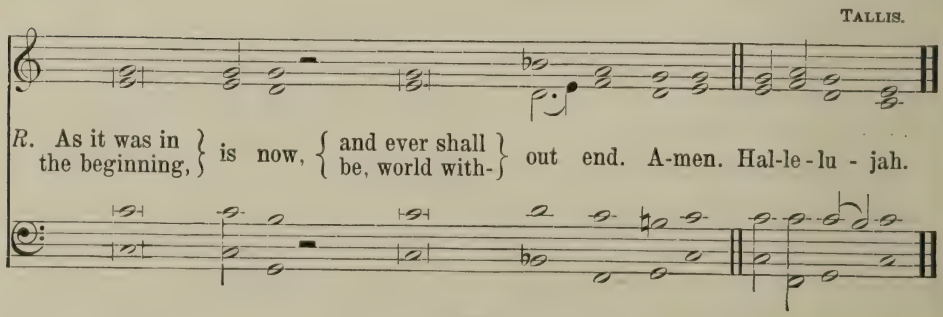
O Lord, open Thou my lips.



V. Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:



Then shall be said one or more Psalms.

The Psalm.

At the end of each Psalm the **Congregation** *shall sing or say the Gloria Patri.*

The Gloria Patri.

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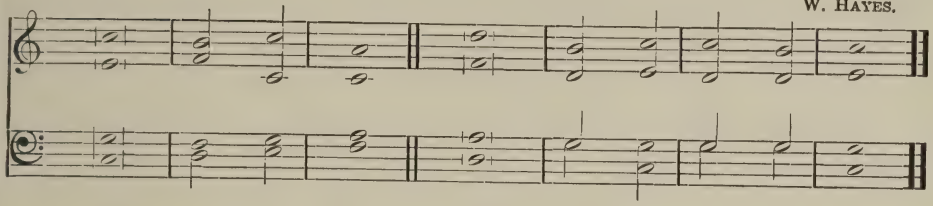
W. HAYES.



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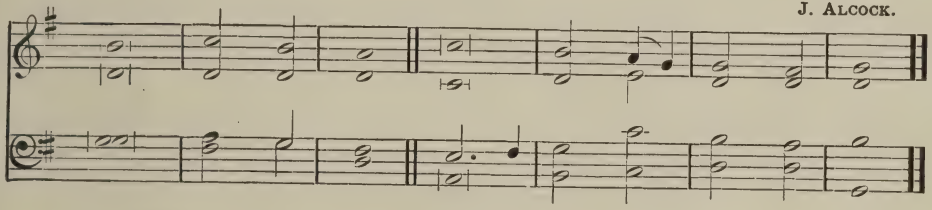

Glory be to the *Fa*ther, and | to the | Son:
And | to the | Holy | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be:
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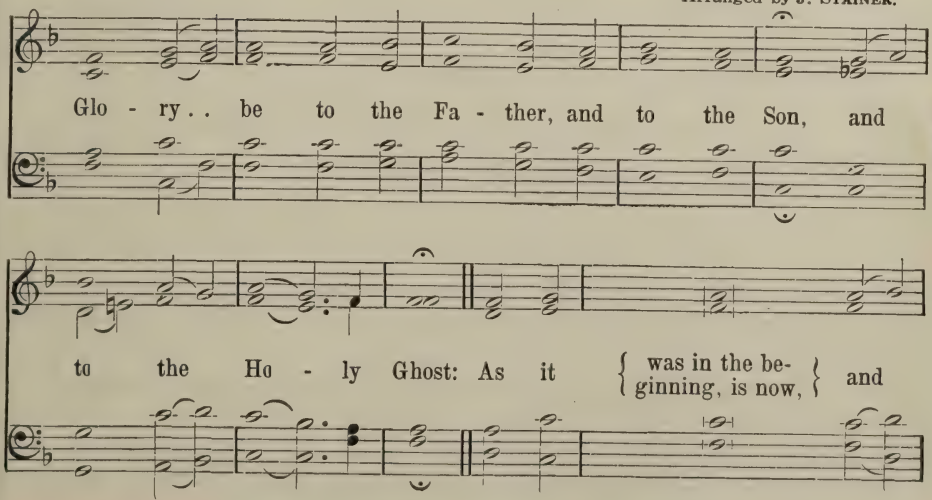
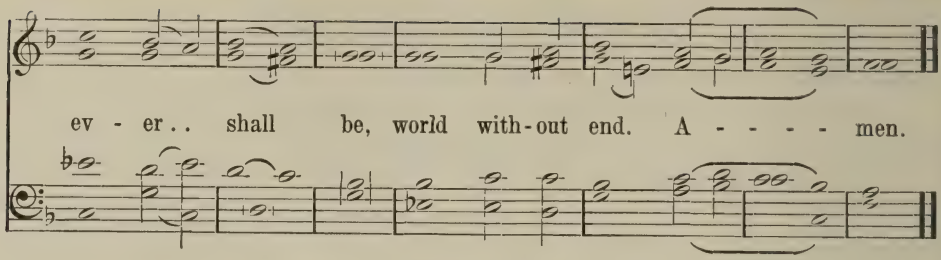
III

For Lent.

Arranged by J. STAINER.

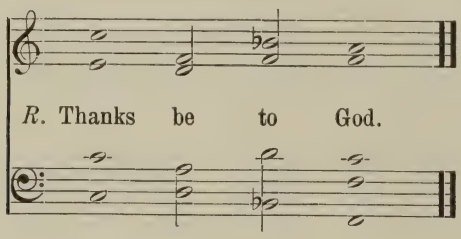




The Lesson.

The Scripture Lessons shall then be read. After each Lesson shall be sung or said the Response.

V. O Lord, have mercy upon us.



After the Lesson a **Responsory** *or a* **Hymn** *may be sung.*

A **Sermon** *may then follow.*

The **Offering** *may then be received and placed upon the Altar.*

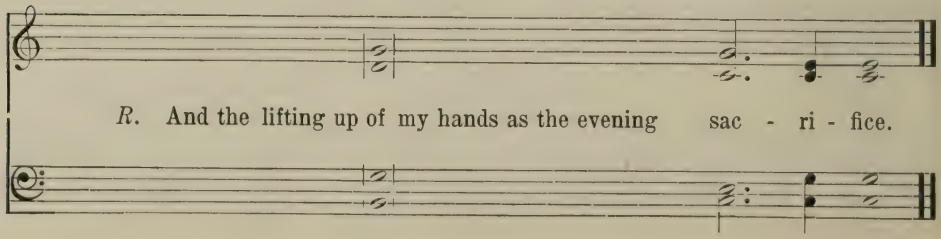
Then shall be sung the Hymn.

The Hymn.

The **Congregation** *shall rise and sing or say the Canticle.*

A Versicle shall be used with the Canticle.

V. Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense.



The Canticle.

Magnificat.

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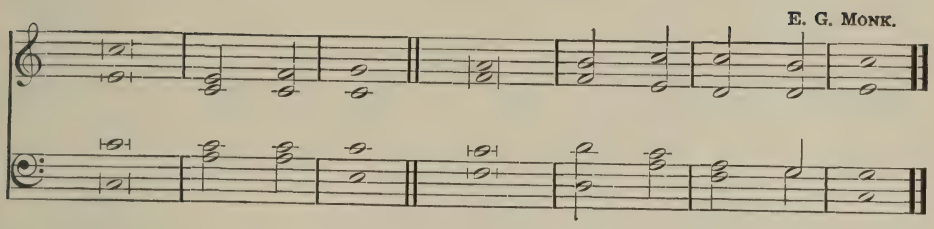

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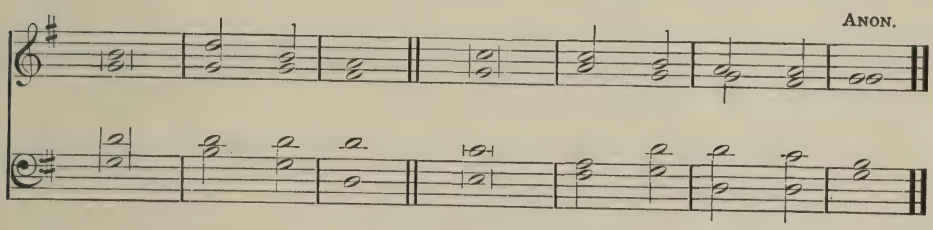

My soul doth *magni-* | fy the | Lord:
And my spirit hath re- | joiced · in | God my | Saviour.

For He | hath re- | garded:
The low es- | tate of | His hand- | maiden.

For behold, | from hence- | forth:
All gener- | ations · shall | call me | blessed.

For He that is *mighty* hath done to | me great | things:
And | holy | is His | Name.

And His *mercy* is on | them that | fear Him:
From gener- | ation · to | gener- | ation.

He hath showed *strength* | with His | arm:
He hath scattered the *proud* in the imagi- | nation | of their | hearts.

He hath put down the *mighty* | from their | seats:
And ex*alted* | them of | low de- | gree.

He hath filled the *hungry* | with good | things:
And the *rich* He | hath sent | empty · a- | way.

He hath holpen His servant Israel, in re*mem*brance | of His | mercy:
As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and | to his | seed, for | ever.

Glory be to the *Fa*ther, and | to the | Son:
And | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be:
World | without | end. A- | men.

Nunc Dimittis.

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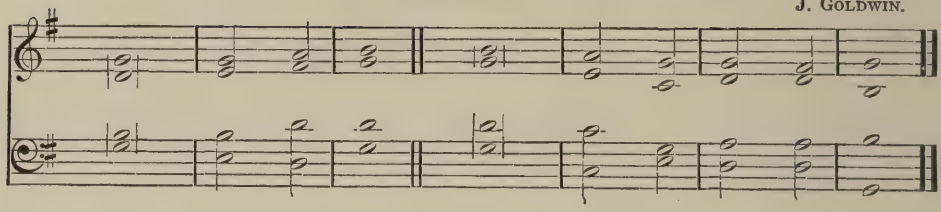

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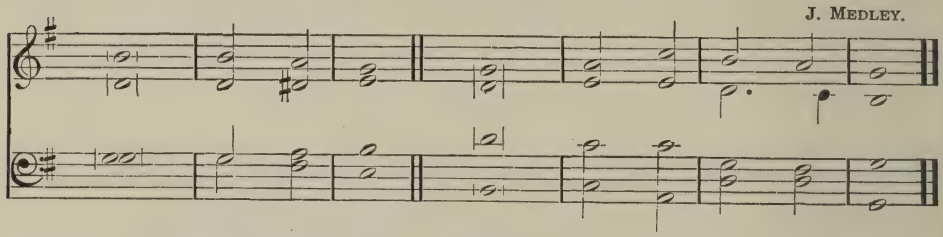

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy *serv*ant de- | part in | peace:
Ac- | cording | to Thy | word;
For mine eyes have *seen* | Thy sal- | vation:
Which Thou hast prepared before the *face* of | all | peo- | ple;
A *light* to | lighten · the | Gentiles:
And the *glo*ry of Thy | peo-ple | Isra- | el.
Glory be to the *Fa*ther, and | to the | Son:
And | to the | Holy | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be:
World | without | end. A- | men.

The Prayer.

Then shall be said the Prayers.

The **Minister** *shall say:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*

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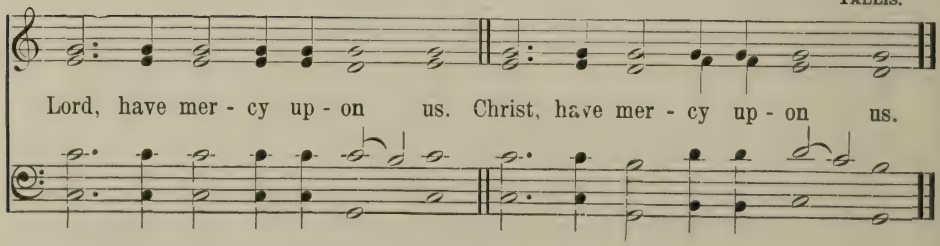
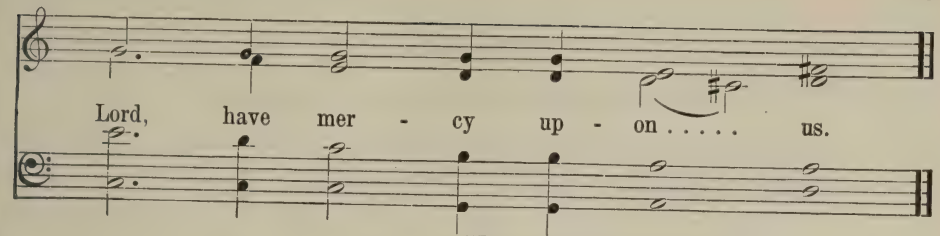
Tallis.





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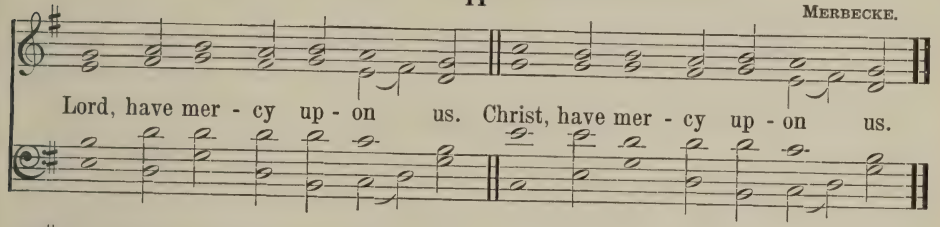
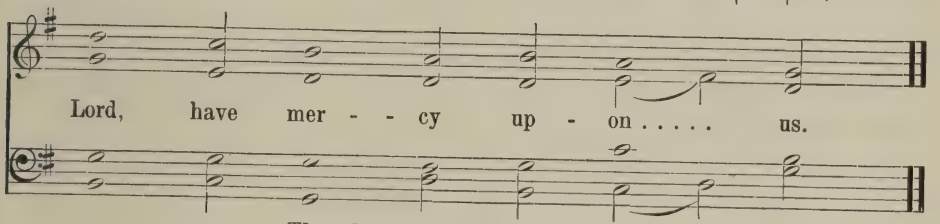


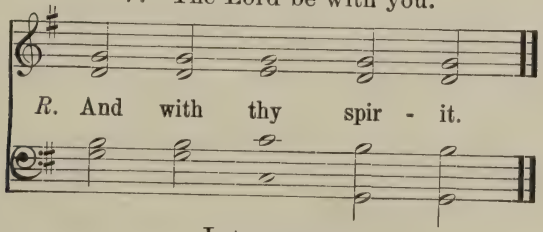


Then shall all say the **Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then may be sung or said:

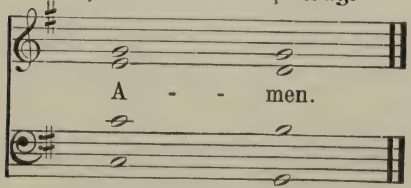
V. The Lord be with you.



Let us pray.

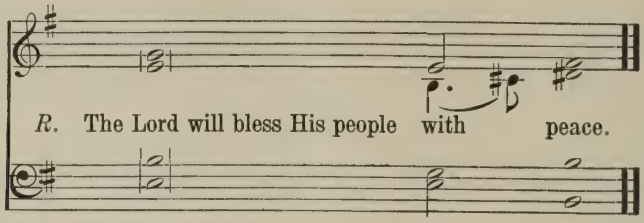
Then shall be said the Collect for the Day.

The Collect for the Day.



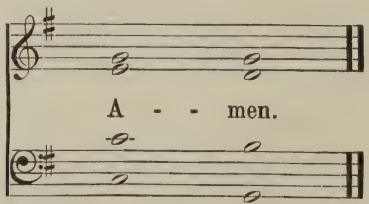
Other Collects may then be said, and after them, this Collect for Peace with which a Versicle may be used.

V. The Lord will give strength unto His people.



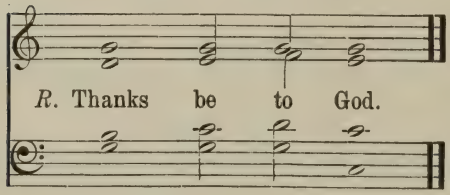
The Collect for Peace

O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



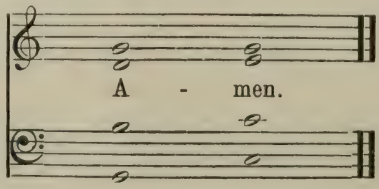
Then may be sung or said the **Benedicamus.**

V. Bless we the Lord.



Then shall the **Minister** *say the* **Benediction.**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.



Order for Public Confession

Preparatory to The Holy Communion

The Order for Public Confession is a Vesper Service, and should be appointed for the afternoon or evening of the Friday or Saturday preceding the Holy Communion, when all who purpose to commune should be present.

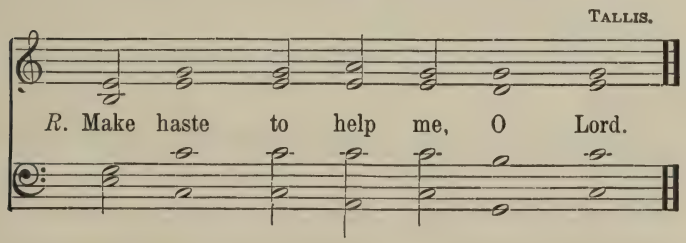
When the Confessional Service immediately precedes The Service, the Order shall begin with the words: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. R. Amen. *Then shall follow: The Exhortation, the Confession, the Absolution and the New Testament Benediction. The Service shall begin with the Introit for the Day.*

A **Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost,** *or another suitable* **Hymn** *may be sung.*

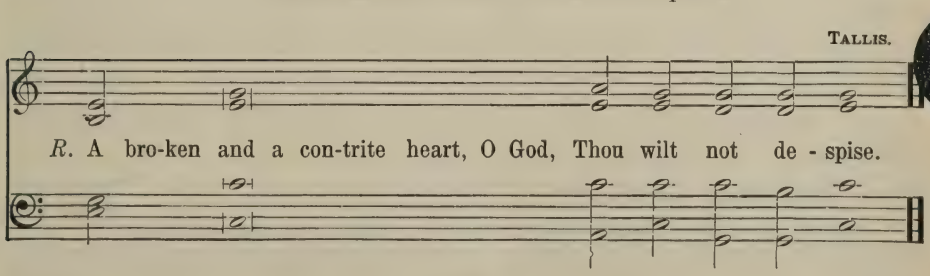
The Versicles with the Gloria Patri shall be sung or said, the **Congregation** *standing until the end of the Psalm.*

The Versicle

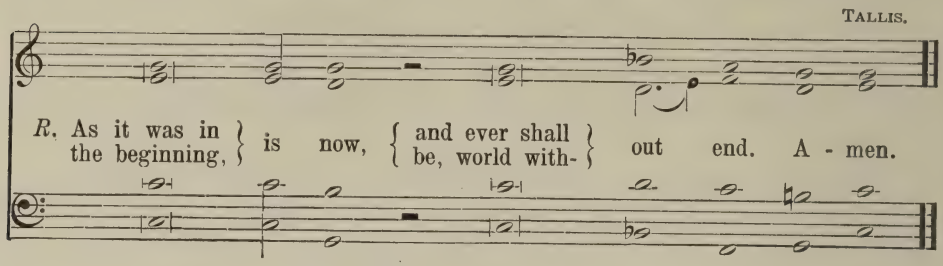
Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



V. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.



V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:



Then shall be sung or said this Psalm:

The Psalm

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness : according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity : and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions : and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity : and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts : and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness : that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide Thy face from my sins : and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence : and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation : and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways : and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

O Lord, open Thou my lips : and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall one or more of the following Lessons of Holy Scripture be read.

The Lesson

Exodus 20 : 1–17.
Daniel 9 : 4–9, 17–19.
Isaiah 57 : 14–21.
Isaiah 1 : 11–18.
1 John 1 : 5–9.
1 Corinthians 11 : 23–29.
Matthew 5 : 21–29.
Matthew 11 : 25–30.
Mark 12 : 28–31.
Luke 13 : 1–9.
Luke 15 : 1–2, 11–31.
John 13 : 1–17.
John 20 : 19–23.

Then may follow an **Address** *or* **Sermon,** *after which shall be sung a Hymn.*

The Hymn

Then shall the **Congregation** *stand, and the* **Minister** *shall say the following Exhortation:*

The Exhortation

Dearly Beloved! Forasmuch as we purpose to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it becometh us diligently to examine ourselves, as St. Paul exhorteth us. For this Holy Sacrament hath been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins, and who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find in us nothing but sin and death, from which we can in no wise set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ hath had mercy upon us, and hath taken upon Himself our nature, that so He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God, and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And to the end that we should the more confidently believe this, and be strengthened by our faith in cheerful obedience to His will, He hath instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He giveth us His Body to eat, and His Blood to drink.

Therefore whoso eateth of this Bread and drinketh of this Cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwelleth in Christ, and Christ in him, and hath eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offenses, and raised again for our justification, and, rendering unto Him most hearty thanks for the same, take up our cross and follow Him; and, according to His commandment, love one another even as He hath loved us. For we are all one body, even as we are all partakers of this one Bread, and drink of this one Cup.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the **Minister** *begin the Confession as here followeth:*

The Confession

I ask you in the presence of Almighty God, Who searcheth the heart:

Do you truly acknowledge, confess, and lament that you are by nature sinful, and that by omitting to do good and by doing evil you have in thought, word, and deed grieved and offended your God and Saviour, and thereby justly deserved His condemnation?

If this be the sincere confession of your hearts, declare it by saying: Yes.

Answer: Yes.

Do you truly believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and that all who believe on His Name receive the forgiveness of sins? Do you, therefore, earnestly desire to be delivered from all your sins, and are you confident that it is the gracious will of your Heavenly Father, for Christ's sake, to forgive your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness?

If so, confess it by saying: Yes.

Answer: Yes.

Is it your earnest purpose, henceforth, to be obedient to the Holy Spirit, so as to hate and forsake all manner of sin, to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily after holiness of heart and life?

If so, answer: Yes.

Answer: Yes.

Let us humbly kneel, and make confession unto God, imploring His forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then shall all kneel, and say:

O God, our Heavenly Father, I confess unto Thee that I have grievously sinned against Thee in many ways; not only by outward transgression, but also by secret thoughts and desires, which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known unto Thee. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I beseech Thee of Thy great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

Then shall the **Minister** *rise and say the Absolution. The* **Congregation** *shall remain kneeling until after the Benediction.*

The Absolution

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgiveth us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ,

and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in Him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

On the other hand, by the same authority, I declare unto the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence, God hath not forgiven their sins, and will assuredly visit their iniquities upon them, if they turn not from their evil ways, and come to true repentance and faith in Christ, ere the day of grace be ended.

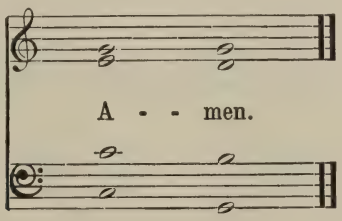
Then shall the **Minister** *kneel, and all shall say the Lord's Prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

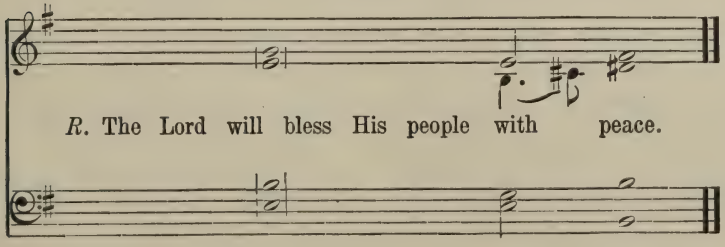
Then shall the **Minister** *say the* **Collect for the Day,** *except when The Service immediately follows this Order.*

After each Collect the **Congregation** *shall sing or say:*



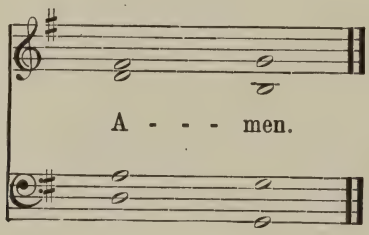
Then may other suitable **Collects** *be said, and after them the Collect for Peace.*

V. The Lord will give strength unto His people.



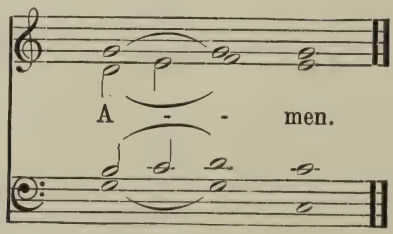
The Collect for Peace

O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



The **Minister** *shall rise and say the* **Benediction:**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.



Psalms

For Responsive Reading

PSALM 1.

The Righteous and the Wicked Contrasted.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers:
But his delight is in the law of Jehovah;
And on his law doth he meditate day and night.
And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water,
That bringeth forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also doth not wither;
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
The wicked are not so,
But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
For Jehovah knoweth the way of the righteous;
But the way of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 2.

The Reign of Jehovah's Anointed.

WHY do the nations rage,
And the peoples meditate a vain thing?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against Jehovah, and against his anointed, saying,
Let us break their bonds asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.
He that sitteth in the heavens will laugh:
The Lord will have them in derision.
Then will he speak unto them in his wrath,
And vex them in his sore displeasure:
Yet I have set my king
Upon my holy hill of Zion.
I will tell of the decree:
Jehovah said unto me, Thou art my son:
This day have I begotten thee.
Ask of me, and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance,
And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;
Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
Now therefore be wise, O ye kings:
Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
Serve Jehovah with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the way,
For his wrath will soon be kindled.
Blessed are all they that take refuge in him.

PSALM 8.

Jehovah's Glory and Man's Dignity.

O JEHOVAH, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth,
Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens!
Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou established strength,
Because of thine adversaries,
That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that thou visitest him?
For thou hast made him but little lower than God,

And crowned him with glory and honor.
Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet;
All sheep and oxen,
Yea, and the beasts of the field.
The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
O Jehovah, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!

PSALM 9. 1, 2, 7–14.

A Psalm of Thanksgiving for God's Justice.

I WILL give thanks unto Jehovah with my whole heart;
I will show forth all thy marvellous works.
I will be glad and exult in thee;
I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.
But Jehovah sitteth as king for ever:
He hath prepared his throne for judgment;
And he will judge the world in righteousness,
He will minister judgment to the peoples in uprightness.
Jehovah also will be a high tower for the oppressed,
A high tower in times of trouble;
And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee;
For thou, Jehovah, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.
Sing praises to Jehovah, who dwelleth in Zion:
Declare among the people his doings.
For he that maketh inquisition for blood remembereth them;
He forgetteth not the cry of the poor.
Have mercy upon me, O Jehovah;
Behold my affliction which I suffer of them that hate me,
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death;
That I may show forth all thy praise.
In the gates of the daughter of Zion
I will rejoice in thy salvation.

PSALM 19.

The Works and the Word of God.

THE heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament showeth his handiwork.
Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night showeth knowledge.
There is no speech nor language;
Their voice is not heard.
Their line is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.
His going forth is from the end of the heavens,
And his circuit unto the ends of it;
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
The law of Jehovah is perfect, restoring the soul:
The testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple.
The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart:
The commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes.
The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring for ever:
The ordinances of Jehovah are true, and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the droppings of the honeycomb.
Moreover by them is thy servant warned:
In keeping them there is great reward.
Who can discern his errors?
Clear thou me from hidden faults.
Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me:
Then shall I be upright,
And I shall be clear from great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in thy sight,
O Jehovah, my rock, and my redeemer.

PSALM 22. 22–31.

A Song of Praise.

I WILL declare thy name unto my brethren:
In the midst of the assembly will I praise thee.
Ye that fear Jehovah, praise him:
And all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him;
And stand in awe of him, all ye the seed of Israel.
For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
Neither hath he hid his face from him;
But when he cried unto him, he heard.
Of thee cometh my praise in the great assembly:
I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
The meek shall eat and be satisfied;
They shall praise Jehovah that seek after him;
Let your hearts live for ever.
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto Jehovah;
And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
For the kingdom is Jehovah's;
And he is the ruler over the nations.
All the fat ones of the earth shall eat and worship:
All they that go down to the dust shall bow before him,
Even he that cannot keep his soul alive.
A seed shall serve him;
It shall be told of the Lord unto the next generation.
They shall come and shall declare his righteousness
Unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done it.

PSALM 24.

The King of Glory Entering Zion.

THE earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
For he hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.
Who shall ascend into the hill of Jehovah?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood,
And hath not sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive a blessing from Jehovah,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
This is the generation of them that seek after him,
That seek thy face, even Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors:
And the King of glory will come in.
Who is the King of glory?
Jehovah strong and mighty,
Jehovah mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
Yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors:
And the King of glory will come in.
Who is this King of glory?
Jehovah of hosts,
He is the King of glory.

PSALM 27.

A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God.

JEHOVAH is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
Jehovah is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell.
Though a host should encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear:
Though war should rise against me,
Even then will I be confident.
One thing have I asked of Jehovah, that will I seek after:
That I may dwell in the house of Jehovah, all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of Jehovah,
And to inquire in his temple.
For in the day of trouble he will keep me secretly in his pavilion:
In the covert of his tabernacle will he hide me;
He will lift me up upon a rock.
And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me;
And I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto Jehovah.

Hear, O Jehovah, when I cry with my voice:
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee,
Thy face, Jehovah, will I seek.
Hide not thy face from me;
Put not thy servant away in anger:
Thou hast been my help;
Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me,
Then Jehovah will take me up.
Teach me thy way, O Jehovah;
And lead me in the plain path,
Because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over unto the will of mine adversaries:
For false witnesses are risen up against me,
And such as breathe out cruelty.
I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of Jehovah
In the land of the living.
Wait for Jehovah:
Be strong, and let thy heart take courage;
Yea, wait thou for Jehovah.

PSALM 32.

Blessedness of Forgiveness and of Trust in God.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man unto whom Jehovah imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.
When I kept silence, my bones wasted away
Through my groaning all the day long.
For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me:
My moisture was changed as with the drought of summer.
I acknowledged my sin unto thee,
And mine iniquity did I not hide:
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto Jehovah;
And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
For this let every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found:
Surely when the great waters overflow they shall not reach unto him.
Thou art my hiding-place; thou wilt preserve me from trouble;
Thou wilt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:
I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee.
Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding;
Whose trappings must be bit and bridle to hold them in,
Else they will not come near unto thee.
Many sorrows shall be to the wicked;
But he that trusteth in Jehovah, loving-kindness shall compass him about.
Be glad in Jehovah, and rejoice, ye righteous;
And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

PSALM 34.

Jehovah a Provider and Deliverer.

I WILL bless Jehovah at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul shall make her boast in Jehovah:
The meek shall hear thereof, and be glad.
Oh magnify Jehovah with me,
And let us exalt his name together.
I sought Jehovah, and he answered me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
They looked unto him, and were radiant;
And their faces shall never be confounded.
This poor man cried, and Jehovah heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of Jehovah encampeth round about them that fear him,
And delivereth them.
Oh taste and see that Jehovah is good:
Blessed is the man that taketh refuge in him.
Oh fear Jehovah, ye his saints;
For there is no want to them that fear him.
The young lions do lack and suffer hunger;
But they that seek Jehovah shall not want any good thing.
Come, ye children, hearken unto me:
I will teach you the fear of Jehovah.
What man is he that desireth life,

And loveth many days, that he may see good?
Keep thy tongue from evil,
And thy lips from speaking guile.
Depart from evil, and do good;
Seek peace, and pursue it.
The eyes of Jehovah are toward the righteous,
And his ears are open unto their cry.
The face of Jehovah is against them that do evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cried, and Jehovah heard,
And delivered them out of all their troubles.
Jehovah is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart,
And saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous;
But Jehovah delivereth him out of them all.
He keepeth all his bones:
Not one of them is broken.
Evil shall slay the wicked;
And they that hate the righteous shall be condemned.
Jehovah redeemeth the soul of his servants;
And none of them that take refuge in him shall be condemned.

PSALM 42.

Thirsting for God in Trouble and Exile.

AS the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God?
When shall I come and appear before God?
My tears have been my food day and night,
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?
These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me,
How I went with the throng, and led them to the house of God,
With the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping holyday.
Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God;
For I shall yet praise him
For the help of his countenance.
O my God, my soul is cast down within me:
Therefore do I remember thee from the land of the Jordan,
And the Hermons, from the hill Mizar.
Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterfalls:
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
Yet Jehovah will command his loving-kindness in the daytime;
And in the night his song shall be with me,
Even a prayer unto the God of my life.
I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me?
Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
As with a sword in my bones, mine adversaries reproach me,
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?
Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God;
For I shall yet praise him,
Who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 46.

God the Refuge of His People.

GOD is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change,
And though the mountains be shaken into the heart of the seas;
Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains tremble with the swelling thereof.
There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,
The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God will help her, and that right early.
The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved:
He uttered his voice, the earth melted.
Jehovah of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of Jehovah,
What desolations he hath made in the earth.
He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;

He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;
He burneth the chariots in the fire.
Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.
Jehovah of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

PSALM 51. 1–17.

A Contrite Sinner's Prayer for Pardon.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingindness:
According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions;
And my sin is ever before me.
Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,
And done that which is evil in thy sight;
That thou mayest be justified when thou speakest,
And be clear when thou judgest.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity;
And in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts;
And in the hidden part thou wilt make me to know wisdom.
Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me to hear joy and gladness,
That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
Hide thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
And uphold me with a willing spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
And sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation;
And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
O Lord, open thou my lips;
And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.
For thou delightest not in sacrifice; else would I give it:
Thou hast no pleasure in burnt-offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

PSALM 67.

The Nations Exhorted to Praise God.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause his face to shine upon us;
That thy way may be known upon earth.
Thy salvation among all nations.
Let the peoples praise thee, O God;
Let all the peoples praise thee.
Oh let the nations be glad and sing for joy;
For thou wilt judge the peoples with equity,
And govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise thee, O God;
Let all the peoples praise thee.
The earth hath yielded its increase:
God, even our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us;
And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

PSALM 86. 1–12.

A Psalm of Supplication and Trust.

BOW down thine ear, O Jehovah, and answer me;
For I am poor and needy.
Preserve my soul; for I am godly:
O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
Be merciful unto me, O Lord;
For unto thee do I cry all the day long.
Rejoice the soul of thy servant;
For unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive,
And abundant in lovingkindness unto all them that call upon thee.
Give ear, O Jehovah, unto my prayer;
And hearken unto the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee;
For thou wilt answer me.
There is none like unto thee among the gods, O Lord;
Neither are there any works like unto thy works.
All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord;
And they shall glorify thy name.
For thou art great, and doest wondrous things:
Thou art God alone.
Teach me thy way, O Jehovah; I will walk in thy truth:
Unite my heart to fear thy name.
I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart;
And I will glorify thy name for evermore.

PSALM 98.

A Call to Praise Jehovah for His Righteousness.

OH sing unto Jehovah a new song;
For he hath done marvellous things:
His right hand, and his holy arm, hath wrought salvation for him.
Jehovah hath made known his salvation:
His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the nations.
He hath remembered his loving-kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel:
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all the earth:
Break forth and sing for joy, yea, sing praises.
Sing praises unto Jehovah with the harp;
With the harp and the voice of melody.
With trumpets and sound of cornet
Make a joyful noise before the King, Jehovah.
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein;
Let the floods clap their hands;
Let the hills sing for joy together
Before Jehovah for he cometh to judge the earth:
He will judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with equity.

PSALM 111.

Jehovah Praised for His Goodness.

PRAISE ye Jehovah.
I will give thanks unto Jehovah with my whole heart,
In the council of the upright, and in the congregation.
The works of Jehovah are great,
Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
His work is honor and majesty;
And his righteousness endureth for ever.
He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:
Jehovah is gracious and merciful.
He hath given food unto them that fear him:
He will ever be mindful of his covenant.
He hath showed his people the power of his works,
In giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are truth and justice;
All his precepts are sure.
They are established for ever and ever;
They are done in truth and uprightness.
He hath sent redemption unto his people;
He hath commanded his covenant for ever:
Holy and reverend is his name.
The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom;
A good understanding have all they that do his commandments:
His praise endureth for ever

PSALM 119. 9–16.

Meditations and Prayers Relating to the Law of God.

WHEREWITH shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed thereto according to thy word.
With my whole heart have I sought thee:
Oh let me not wander from thy commandments.
Thy word have I laid up in my heart,
That I might not sin against thee.
Blessed art thou, O Jehovah:

Teach me thy statutes.
With my lips have I declared
All the ordinances of thy mouth.
I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
I will meditate on thy precepts,
And have respect unto thy ways.
I will delight myself in thy statutes:
I will not forget thy word.

PSALM 122.

Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem.

I WAS glad when they said unto me,
Let us go unto the house of Jehovah.
Our feet are standing
Within thy gates, O Jerusalem,
Jerusalem, that art builded
As a city that is compact together;
Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of Jehovah,
For an ordinance for Israel,
To give thanks unto the name of Jehovah.
For there are set thrones for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say, Peace be within thee.
For the sake of the house of Jehovah our God
I will seek thy good.

PSALM 145.

Jehovah Extolled for His Goodness and Power.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King;
And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless thee;
And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised;
And his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall laud thy works to another,
And shall declare thy mighty acts.
Of the glorious majesty of thine honor,
And of thy wondrous works, will I meditate.
And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts;
And I will declare thy greatness.
They shall utter the memory of thy great goodness,
And shall sing of thy righteousness.
Jehovah is gracious, and merciful;
Slow to anger, and of great lovingkindness.
Jehovah is good to all;
And his tender mercies are over all his works.
All thy works shall give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah;
And thy saints shall bless thee.
They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom,
And talk of thy power;
To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,
And the glory of the majesty of his kingdom.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.
Jehovah upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth up all those that are bowed down.
The eyes of all wait for thee;
And thou givest them their food in due season.
Thou openest thy hand,
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
Jehovah is righteous in all his ways,
And gracious in all his works.
Jehovah is nigh unto all them that call upon him,
To all that call upon him in truth.
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him;
He also will hear their cry and will save them.
Jehovah preserveth all them that love him;
But all the wicked will he destroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of Jehovah;
And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Holy Baptism

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Beloved in the Lord! From the Word of God we learn that all men are born in sin, but also that Jesus Christ has come into the world to save sinners. Our Lord and Saviour has testified and said: "Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3. 5.) Therefore, according to His commandment,* we receive this child (these children) into the Christian Church through the washing of regeneration, and beseech our Lord and Saviour graciously to receive him (her, or them) and endue him (her, or them) with the power of the Holy Spirit unto a living faith and true godliness. To this end may God grant His blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lift up your hearts unto God!

Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself instituted Holy Baptism, when He said to His disciples:

"All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Mt. 28. 18–20.)

Hear also the holy and comforting Gospel according to St. Mark:

"They were bringing unto Him little children, that He should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, He was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And He took them in His arms, and blessed them, laying His hands upon them." (Mk. 10. 13–16.)

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*At a foundling's baptism insert here the words: "Since it is uncertain whether this child has received Holy Baptism."

Then the Minister shall place his hand upon the head of the Child and pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Merciful and Eternal God, Who alone saves from all evil; and Who has graciously called thee to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, deliver thee from the power of darkness and preserve thee in His truth and fear, now and forevermore. Amen.

Let us hear the Christian faith, which we confess, and into which this child is (these children are) to be baptized.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting.

The Minister shall continue:

Do you desire that this child (these children) shall upon this confession be baptized, and by baptism be received into the Communion of Christ and His Church?

The Parents or Sponsors answer:

Yes.

Then the Minister shall three times pour water upon the Child's head and say:

I baptize thee, N. N., into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us give thanks and pray:

Almighty, Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou dost continually preserve and increase Thy holy Christian Church, and that Thou hast now permitted this child (these children) to receive the washing of regeneration unto eternal life. We pray Thee to preserve him (her, or them) in the grace of baptism, so that he (she, or they) may grow up in Thy fear, and in the power of Christ's resurrection walk in newness of life, ever pleasing to Thee, and finally receive the inheritance of the saints in heaven; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Minister shall pronounce the Benediction upon the Child:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon Thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thereupon the Minister shall admonish the Sponsors as follows:

Dearly Beloved! This child (these children), through the washing of regeneration, has (have) become a child (children) of God and joint-heir(s) with Jesus Christ. It becomes you who have witnessed this sacred act diligently to assist this child (these children) with Christian love and faithful prayers. Take solemnly to heart the obligation of the Church, especially in the event of the death of the parents before the child is (these children are) of age, to rear this child (these children) in the fear and admonition of the Lord, to the end that it (they) may faithfully keep the gifts of grace received in Holy Baptism.

The Minister shall continue:

Let us now hear the exhortation of God's Word to us who have received the grace of baptism:

"As therefore ye received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and builded up in Him, and established in your faith, even as ye were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Col. 2. 6, 7.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then the Minister shall say to the Sponsors:

Depart in peace.

Emergency Baptism and Its Ratification

When the weak condition of the Child does not permit the delay involved in summoning a Minister, some other confirmed and Godfearing person, man or woman, may baptize the Child. When pure water has been procured, the Baptism is performed in the following manner:

Jesus said:

"All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Mt. 28. 18–20.)

He who performs the Baptism shall pour water on the Child's head three times and say:

I baptize thee, N. N., into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then shall he pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Should the Child who received emergency baptism live, the Minister shall take care to ascertain exactly from those who were present, whether the Child was baptized according to the above-mentioned form. If he then finds that the baptism was not so performed, the Child is to be deemed unbaptized and shall be baptized according to the form prescribed for Infant Baptism. Otherwise the Baptism is to be ratified by the Minister in the following manner:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Beloved in the Lord: Our Lord Jesus Christ expressly commanded His disciples: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you." Since now this child, N. N., according to the commandment of Jesus Christ, is baptized with water into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and we thus may be assured that he (she) has been received as a child of God and an heir of eternal life; therefore do I, a servant of Jesus Christ, approve and confirm this baptism in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hear the holy and comforting Gospel, according to St. Mark:

"They were bringing unto Him little children, that He should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, He was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And He took them in His arms, and blessed them, laying His hands upon them." (Mk. 10. 13–16.)

Then the Minister shall place his hand upon the head of the Child and pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Let us hear the Christian faith, which we confess, and into which this child is baptized.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting.

The Minister shall continue:

Let us pray!

Almighty, Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou dost continually preserve and increase Thy holy Christian Church, and that Thou hast permitted this child to receive the washing of regeneration unto eternal life. We pray Thee to preserve him (her) in the grace of baptism, so that he (she) may grow up in Thy fear, and in the power of Christ's resurrection walk in newness of life, ever pleasing to Thee, and finally receive the inheritance of the saints in heaven; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Minister shall then pronounce the Benediction upon the Child:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Finally the Minister shall say:

Depart in peace.

Baptism of an Adult Born of Christian Parents

The baptismal ceremony presupposes that the person who is to be baptized (the catechumen) has previously obtained requisite instruction. Witnesses should be present whether the baptism be performed in the presence of the congregation or not.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Beloved in the Lord! Our Lord Jesus Christ has testified and said: "Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3. 5.) This youth (girl, man, woman), who has not previously received Holy Baptism, has declared that he (she) desires to be baptized. Let us therefore in Christian love pray for him (her):

Almighty God, dear heavenly Father: Our Saviour has said: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Open then to him (her) the door, that he (she) may be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house.

Lift up your hearts unto God!

Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself instituted Holy Baptism when He said to His disciples:

"All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Mt. 28. 18–20.)

The Catechumen shall then kneel, and the Minister shall place his hand upon his head and pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Minister shall continue:

The Merciful and Eternal God, Who alone saves from all evil, and Who has graciously called thee to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, deliver thee from the power of darkness and preserve thee in His truth and fear, now and forevermore. Amen.

The Catechumen rising, the Minister shall continue: (*Or, the Catechumen shall himself make the Confession of Faith, saying: I believe, etc.*)

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

Answer:

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; Descended into hell; The third day rose again from the dead; Ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; Whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead?

Answer:

I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting?

Answer:

I do.

Then the Catechumen bows his head, and the Minister pours water three times thereon and says:

I baptize thee, N. N., into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Minister shall then pray:

Almighty, Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou dost continually preserve and increase Thy holy Christian Church, and that Thou hast now permitted this youth (girl, man, woman) to receive the washing of regeneration unto eternal life. We pray thee to preserve him (her) in the grace of baptism, so that he (she) may grow in Thy fear, and in the power of Christ's resurrection walk in newness of life, ever pleasing to Thee, and finally receive the inheritance of the saints in heaven; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister address the baptized person in the following words:

Thou hast been baptized into Christ Jesus that like as He was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so thou also mayest walk in newness of life. The God of all grace would perfect, establish, and strengthen thee by His Word and the Holy Supper. Keep thyself, therefore, in fellowship with His Church in watchfulness and prayer. Fight the good fight of faith. The God of peace be with thee and help thee through all temptations and dangers, and save thee into His heavenly kingdom.

Then shall the baptized person kneel while the Minister pronounces the Benediction upon him:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Minister shall then admonish the Sponsors as follows:

Dearly Beloved: You who have witnessed the baptism of this youth (girl, man, woman) should be mindful of your duty to assist him (her) henceforth with Christian love and faithful prayers, that he (she) may faithfully keep the gifts of grace received in baptism. To this end may the Lord grant you His grace.

The Minister shall conclude with the following:

Let us now hear the exhortation of God's Word to us who have received the grace of baptism:

"As therefore ye received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and builded up in Him, and established in your faith, even as ye were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Col. 2. 6, 7.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Finally the Minister shall say:

Depart in peace.

Confirmation

When the Candidates for Confirmation are found to have the required Christian knowledge, as prescribed by the Synod and set forth in its accepted Catechism and Bible History, the Minister shall fix a day for their examination, which, in the presence of the congregation, shall precede the first Communion. Notice of this should be given from the pulpit to the effect that the Candidates for Confirmation will on a stated day be examined and make their vows. Moreover, the members of the congregation, especially the parents, foster parents or guardians, should be requested to be present, prayerfully to support the children on this solemn occasion and themselves be edified by this Christian rite. On the appointed day the Candidates assemble around the Altar, and the Service begins with the singing of a Hymn. At the close of the Hymn the Minister shall give a brief address from the Altar, after which the examination begins. This should be so arranged that the essential parts of the doctrine of salvation are treated. Thereupon the Minister shall address the Candidates as follows:*

Beloved in the Lord, you have now given a brief account of your knowledge in the doctrine which our Lord Jesus Christ has revealed to us in His Holy Word and which is preached and confessed in His Church. This is also the faith into which you have been baptized. I exhort you now before God and this Christian Church to confess your faith and make your vows:

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

Answer:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Answer:

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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* When an Anthem is sung by the Choir it should follow the address.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Answer:

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting.

Is it your earnest purpose, by virtue of the grace of baptism, to remain steadfast in this faith unto the end, and, as followers of Christ, to walk by faith in a new life, so as to love the Lord your God above all things and your neighbor as yourselves?

Answer:

Yes.

Will you, therefore, by the help of God, in watchfulness and prayer, diligently use the Word of God and faithfully seek your Saviour in His Holy Supper?

Answer:

Yes.

Will you also shun all false doctrines and be faithful to the Word of God according to our Evangelical Lutheran Confession?

Answer:

Yes.

Then shall the Minister say:

Dearly Beloved! You have now, before the omniscient and everpresent God, with your own lips confessed your faith and made your vows, and I hereby declare that you are admitted to the Holy Supper of the Lord, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord grant you His grace to consecrate your whole life and all your powers to His will and service in Christ Jesus.

Here the Candidates are to kneel, and the Minister continues:

The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ grant you according to the riches of His glory, that you may be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inward man, and be filled unto all the fulness of God. Amen.

The Minister, still facing the Candidates, shall kneel and pray with them:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Then shall the Minister rise and say:

Let us unite in faithful prayer for these children (persons).

The Minister shall turn to the Altar and pray:

Almighty, Merciful God, Heavenly Father, Thou art the Author and Perfecter of all that is good within us. We pray Thee for these Thy servants who have been born again in baptism, and who through Thy Word are enabled to confess before this congregation Thy grace and love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Fulfill this good work which Thou hast begun in them. Teach their hearts more and more to know the preciousness of the salvation which Thine Only-Begotten Son hath secured for them. They are weak; do Thou strengthen them with Thy power. They are to pass through a world of danger; do Thou shield them with Thy might. They are exposed to temptations; do Thou help them to fight and to prevail. Give them the grace of Thy Holy Spirit for a blessed communion with Thee in Thy Holy Supper. Help them to confess Thy Name boldly before the world in word and in deed. Help them to watch and pray at all times, and, with Thy faithful people, confidently to await the coming of Thy dear Son, finally with Him to obtain eternal life. Amen.

If the laying on of hands is used, the Minister shall place his hand upon the head of each Candidate and pronounce a suitable Scriptural Benediction. Then the Minister, turning to the Congregation, shall say:

Bow your hearts to God and receive the Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Minister shall turn to the Altar, and the Class shall stand, while the Congregation sings:

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Service shall close with silent prayer, while the Congregation remains standing and the Minister kneels before the Altar.

The Solemnization of Marriage

The order as here given is to be followed when one ring is used. Instruction as to the procedure when two rings are used or when no ring is used will be found in the footnotes. When a marriage contracted before the civil authorities is to be sanctioned by the Church, this ceremony is used with the omission of the pledges and vows.

The Minister shall first give this exhortation:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Dearly Beloved! Marriage is a holy estate instituted of God Himself for the preservation of the human family, and for the mutual help of those who enter into this sacred bond, to lighten the burdens of life, to alleviate its unavoidable cares, and by careful nurture to provide for the happiness of posterity. This is a holy institution; its obligations and objects are likewise holy.

It is the duty of the husband to love and honor his wife, and by careful consideration for her welfare ever seek to deepen her love for him. It is the duty of the wife to love her husband, share with him tenderly and faithfully the cares of the household, and at all times so conduct herself as to be his true helpmeet. They should both carefully consider that they have entered into an estate in which their mutual happiness is dependent upon fidelity to their marriage vows; and, by due regard to their persons and their duties, they should seek to make themselves worthy of mutual esteem and love, and always set for each other a good example in a godly life. Wherefore it behooves them to pray earnestly for a virtuous helpmeet who appreciates the duties of the marriage estate as well as the blessedness which comes from fulfilling them. So shall the marriage begin and continue according to the will of God, and the highest happiness be thereby secured. To this end we pray Almighty God for His blessing on this Man and this Woman.

The Minister shall then say to the Man:

Before the omniscient God and in the presence of this Congregation (these witnesses), I ask thee, N. N., wilt thou have N. N., to be thy wedded wife, to love her in prosperity and in adversity?

Answer:

I will.

Then shall the Minister say to the Woman:

Before the omniscient God and in the presence of this Congregation (these witnesses), I ask thee, N. N., wilt thou have N. N., to be thy wedded husband, to love him in prosperity and in adversity?

Anwer:

I will.

Who giveth this woman to be married to

The Minister shall then receive the ring from the Man (or, if two rings be used, the rings from the Man and from the Woman) and pray:

Almighty God, Who with a holy, wise and beneficent purpose hast instituted marriage: We pray Thee to let Thy blessing rest upon the solemn covenant which these Thy servants with this emblem (these emblems) seal* before Thee. Fulfill upon them the promises which Thou hast given to all who live according to Thy Word and who keep the obligations which Thou hast ordained for the welfare of mankind. Amen.

The Man shall then receive the ring (which shall be held by both the Man and the Woman until the vows of both have been made), and the Man shall say: **

I, N. N., take thee, N. N., to be my wedded wife, to love thee in prosperity and in adversity, and as a token thereof I give thee this ring.

The Woman shall say:

I, N. N., take thee, N. N., to be my wedded husband, to love thee in prosperity and in adversity, and as a token thereof I receive this ring.

The Man then places the ring on the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, while the Minister says:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Forasmuch as ye now have been joined in holy wedlock, I, as a servant of Jesus Christ, before God and this Christian Congregation (these witnesses) confirm your marriage covenant in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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*If the marriage ring has been given beforehand, the Minister shall say "have sealed." At the close of the prayer the Man shall place the ring on the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. When the ring ceremony is not used, the words "with this emblem" ("these emblems") are omitted from the prayer.

** When two rings are used, the ceremony shall proceed as follows: The Minister shall instruct the Man and the Woman to hold the ring for the Woman. While they do this, the Man shall repeat the following words after the Minister:

I, N. N., take thee, N. N., to be my wedded wife, to love thee in prosperity and in adversity, and as a token thereof I give thee this ring.

The Man shall then place the ring on the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand.

Then the Minister shall instruct the Man and the Woman to hold the ring for the Man. While they do this, the Woman shall repeat the following words after the Minister:

I, N. N., take thee, N. N., to be my wedded husband, to love thee in prosperity and in adversity, and as a token thereof I give thee this ring.

The Woman shall then place the ring on the fourth finger of the Man's left hand.

When these vows have been made, the Man with his right hand shall take the Woman by her right hand, and the Minister shall say: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"Forasmuch as ye now have," etc. The ceremony shall then continue as above.

Note: When no ring is used the Minister shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand and they shall then repeat the marriage vows as above (without referring to the ring) while they hold each other's hands, after which the Minister shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"Forasmuch as ye now have," etc.

The ceremony shall then continue as above.

Our Saviour teaches us in the nineteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew that marriage is a holy covenant, which cannot be set aside by men at will: "And there came unto Him Pharisees, trying Him, and saying, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? and He answered and said, Have ye not read, that He Who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh? So that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

The Minister shall then say to the Man and the Woman:

Consider these words of the Lord Jesus Christ! Forget not that your marriage covenant, according to God's will, cannot be revoked, and receive with patience and thanksgiving all that may betide you in the providence of God.

The Minister shall then continue:

The Lord be with you and guide you in His truth and fear, now and forevermore.

The Man and the Woman shall kneel, and the Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

Almighty, Eternal God, unchangeable in grace and mercy: We pray Thee to fill the hearts of these Thy servants with Thy Holy Spirit, and graciously to bestow upon them every spiritual and temporal blessing. Bless the solemn covenant which they now have made before Thee, that loyalty and happiness may ever abide in their home, that unity and love may lighten their labors, (and that a virtuous posterity may cheer their declining years). Merciful God, hear their prayers, and be their very present help when they call upon Thee. Guide them with Thy counsel, that when their pilgrimage is ended they may be received into the Father's house of many mansions, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God Almighty send His light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you. His holy angels accompany you. God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit cause His grace to be mighty upon you. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Burial Service

I. Service at the House

When a brief service is held at the House before going to the Church or to the Grave, a Hymn may be sung, followed by a Prayer or a Collect.

II. Service at the Church

The Service shall begin with an appropriate **Hymn.**
Then shall be read from the Altar one or more of the following **Scripture Selections:**

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Jehovah. Lord, hear my voice: let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If Thou, Jehovah, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared. I wait for Jehovah, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning; yea, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in Jehovah; for with Jehovah there is loving-kindness, and with Him is plenteous redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.—Psalm 130.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. For we are consumed in Thine anger, and in Thy wrath are we troubled. Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath: we bring our years to an end as a sigh. The days of our years are threescore years and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years; yet is their pride but labor and sorrow; for it is soon gone, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of Thine anger, and Thy wrath according to the fear that is due unto Thee? So teach us to number our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom.

Return, O Jehovah; how long? and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants. Oh, satisfy us in the morning with Thy loving-kindness, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory upon their children. And let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it. —Psalm 90.

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.—I Thess. 4. 13–18.

Now if Christ is preached that He hath been raised from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither hath Christ been raised: and if Christ hath not been raised, then is our preaching vain, your faith also is vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we witnessed of God that He raised up Christ: whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, neither hath Christ been raised: and if Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also that are fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable.

But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; then they that are Christ's, at His coming. Then cometh the end, when He shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign, till He hath put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be abolished is death.

But some one will say, How are the dead raised? and with what manner of body do they come? Thou foolish one, that which thou thyself sowest is not quickened except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but a bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other kind; but God giveth it a body even as it pleased Him, and to each seed a body of its own.—I Cor. 15. 12–26, 35–38.

Martha therefore said unto Jesus, Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. And even now I know that, whatsoever Thou shalt ask of God, God will give Thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto Him, Yea, Lord: I have believed that Thou art the Christ the Son of God, even He that cometh into the world.—John 11. 21–27.

And it came to pass soon afterwards, that He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples went with Him, and a great multitude. Now when He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, there was carried out one that was dead, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And He came nigh and touched the bier: and the bearers stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother.—Luke 7. 11–15.

While He spake these things unto them, behold, there came a ruler, and worshipped Him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay Thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did His disciples. And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute-players, and the crowd making a tumult, He said, Give place: for the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn. But when the crowd was put forth, He entered in, and took her by the hand; and the damsel arose. And the fame hereof went forth into all that land. —Matt. 9. 18, 19; 23–26.

Then the **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar and pray:*

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who by Thy Son hast promised us forgiveness of sin and deliverance from everlasting death: Strengthen us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, that our trust in Thy grace in Christ Jesus may daily increase. Grant that with sure confidence we may hold fast the blessed hope that we shall not die, but only sleep, and at the last day be raised up unto eternal life, through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be sung a **Hymn** *or an* **Anthem,** *after which shall follow the Sermon.*

The Sermon

After the Sermon the **Minister** *shall pray as follows:*

O Lord God, heavenly Father, Thou Who didst not spare Thine only-begotten Son, but hast given Him for us all: We most heartily thank Thee that through His burial our graves have been hallowed as places of rest. Grant us, we pray Thee, that He may so abide in our hearts that after the sufferings of this present time we may rest in peace, looking for a blessed resurrection: through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

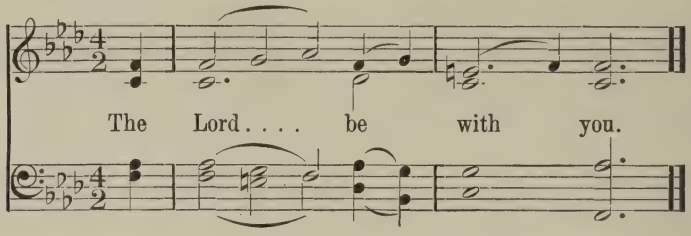
The Church Service may close with a **Hymn.**

Or, it may conclude with the **Altar Service** *which follows.*

Or, when the Body is committed in the Church, the **Service at the Grave,** *as far as the Benediction, is read at this point, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.*

The Salutation

A short **Hymn** *is then sung, during which the* **Minister** *proceeds to the Altar. The singing ended, the* **Minister** *shall turn to the Congregation and sing or say:*



The **Congregation** *shall sing:*

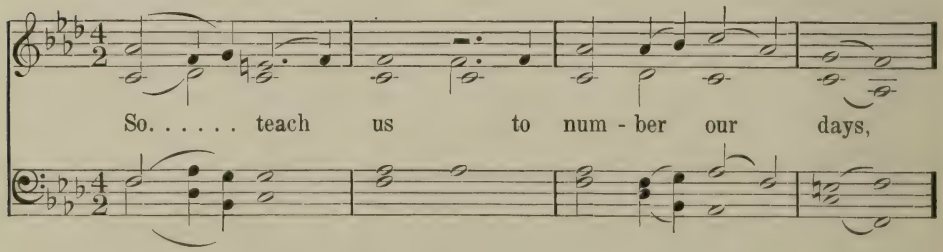
The **Minister** *shall turn to the Altar and say the following prayer:*

O Lord God, Who, on account of sin, turnest man to destruction, so teach us to number our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom. Grant us a true faith in Thy Son, Jesus Christ, Who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification, and liveth forever. Give us grace to die daily from sin and so to live in accordance with Thy holy will, that in the hour of death we may be prepared for a blessed departure. Receive then our souls unto Thyself, and suffer our bodies, when they have rested in their graves, to rise on the last day to everlasting life. Amen.

Then, if it be convenient, one or two of the following burial Antiphons may be sung by the **Minister** *and the* **Congregation:**

Antiphon A

The **Minister:**



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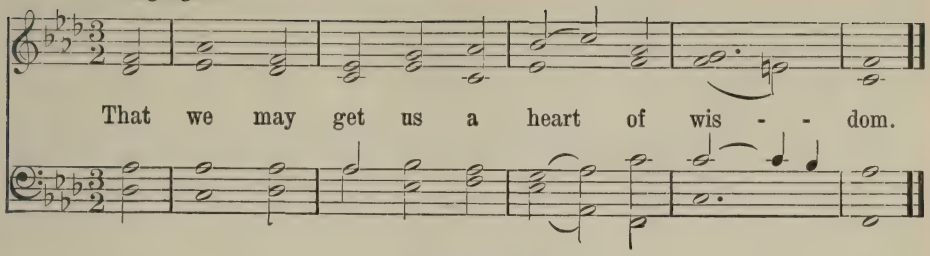

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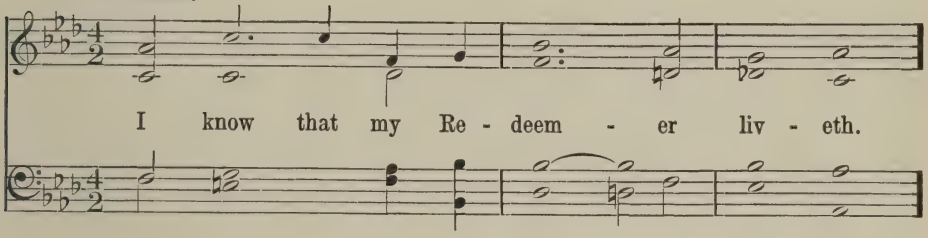

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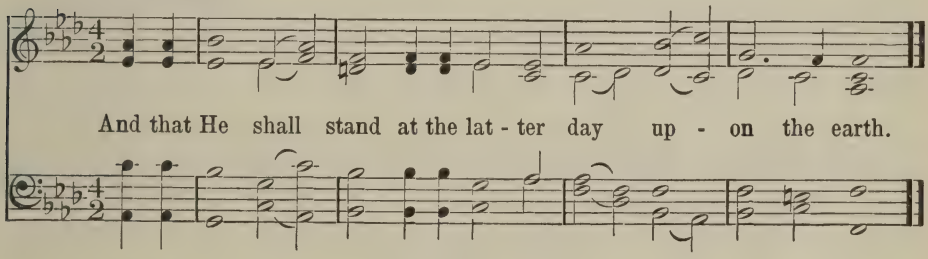

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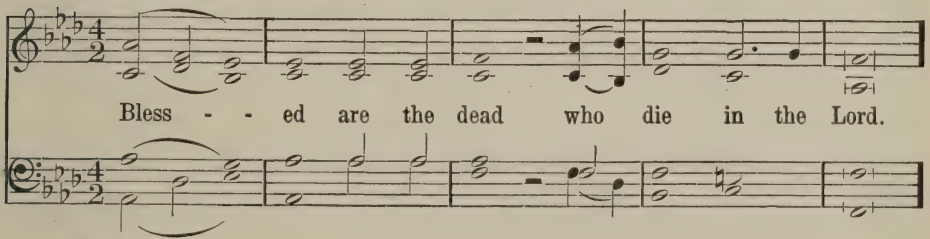

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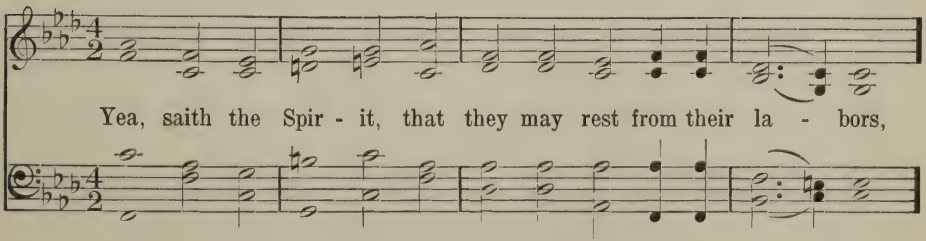

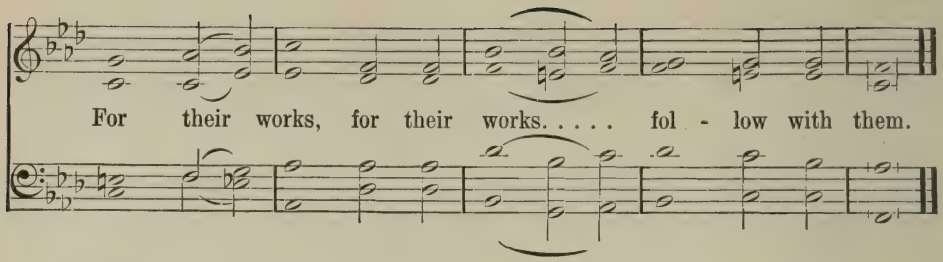

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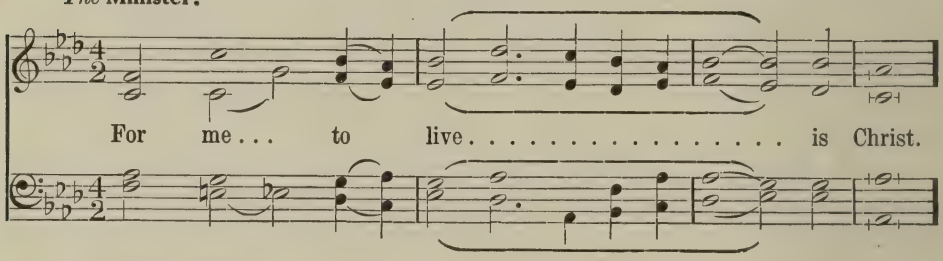

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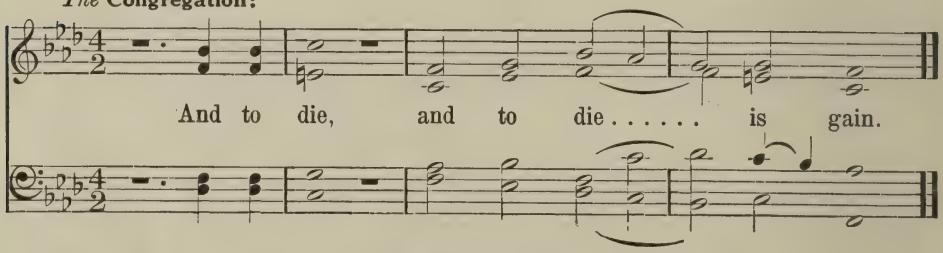


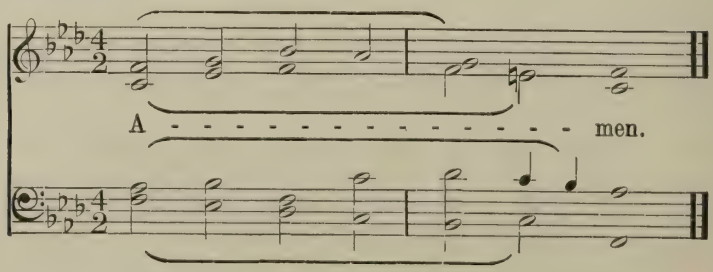
The Benediction

Then shall the **Minister** *say:*

Bow your hearts to God and receive the Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The **Congregation** *shall sing:*



III. Service at the Grave

The **Minister** *shall throw earth upon the body three times while he says:*

Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; Jesus Christ, our Saviour, shall at the latter day raise thee from the dead.

Let us pray:

Almighty, Merciful, and Eternal God! Thou hast by reason of sin appointed unto men once to die; but, that we might not remain forever in the power of death, Thou hast given Thy Son Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, to suffer death for us, and through Him hast taken away the sting of death. Help us ever to remember that we also at Thy good pleasure shall be called hence and our bodies return to dust. Grant us grace to remember that we have not here an abiding city. Teach us to seek the things that are eternal, and so to walk in accordance with Thy Holy will that on the last day we may arise to everlasting life; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Or:**

O Lord God, Who, on account of sin, turnest man to destruction, so teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom. Grant us a true faith in Thy Son, Jesus Christ, who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification, and liveth forever. Give us grace daily to die from sin and so to live in accordance with Thy holy will that in the hour of death we may be prepared for a blessed departure. Receive then our souls unto Thyself, and suffer our bodies, when they have rested in their graves, to rise on the last day to everlasting life. Amen.

*Or:***

O Lord God, Father in heaven. O Lord, the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. O Lord, Thou Holy Spirit. Have mercy upon us. In the hour of death, and at the last judgment, help us, merciful Lord God. Amen.

Let us now hear the Word of God concerning death and the resurrection.

Then are read some suitable passages from Scripture, such as those quoted hereafter, as well as suitable hymns or stanzas from the Hymnal.

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*This alternative may not be used if an altar service follows.

** Here a Hymn, or part of a Hymn, may be read.

Scripture Selections

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.—1 Th. 4. 13, 14.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on Me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall never die.—Jn. 11. 25, 26.

Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.—Jn. 5. 28, 29.

Man, that is born of a woman, is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.—Job. 14. 1, 2.

Behold, Thou hast made my days as handbreadths; and my lifetime is as nothing before Thee: surely every man at his best estate is altogether vanity. Surely every man walketh in a vain show; surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in Thee. Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish. I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because Thou didst it.—Ps. 39. 5–9.

It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment.—Heb. 9. 27.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them.—Rev. 14. 13.

Nevertheless I am continually with Thee: Thou hast holden my right hand. Thou wilt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but Thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides Thee. My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.—Ps. 73. 23–26.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the

night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.—Ps. 90. 1–6.

For we are consumed in Thine anger, and in Thy wrath are we troubled. Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance. For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath: we bring our years to an end as a sigh.—Ps. 90. 7–9.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years; yet is their pride but labor and sorrow; for it is soon gone, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of Thine anger, and Thy wrath according to the fear that is due unto Thee? So teach us to number our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom.—Ps. 90. 10–12.

He entereth into peace; they rest in their beds, each one that walketh in His uprightness.—Is. 57. 2.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.—Phil. 1. 21.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth Him that sent Me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in Himself, even so gave He to the Son also to have life in Himself.—Jn. 5. 24–26.

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.—Jn. 14. 2, 3.

Father, I desire that they also whom Thou hast given Me be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world.—Jn. 17. 24.

And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, He that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies through His Spirit that dwelleth in you.—Rom. 8. 10, 11.

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified with Him. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward.—Rom. 8. 17, 18.

For none of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. —Rom. 14. 7–9.

If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable. But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of them that are asleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; then they that are Christ's, at His coming.—1 Cor. 15. 19–23.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: but thanks be to God, Who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 15. 50, 53–57.

Hymnal Selections

For Infants and Young Persons: 599, 607, 608, 609.

For Older Persons and in General: 595, 598, 604, 606.

Thereupon the **Minister** *shall pray:*

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

General Morning and Evening Prayers

Morning Prayer

I give thanks unto Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast protected me through the night from all danger and harm. I beseech Thee to preserve and keep me this day also from all sin and evil, that in all my thoughts, words, and deeds, I may serve and please Thee. Into Thy hands I commend my body and soul and all that is mine. Let Thy holy angels have charge concerning me, that the wicked one have no power over me. Amen. LUTHER.

Evening Prayer

I give thanks unto Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast this day so graciously protected me. I beseech Thee to forgive me all my sins and the wrong which I have done, and by Thy great mercy defend me from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into Thy hands I commend my body and soul and all that is mine. Let Thy holy angels have charge concerning me, that the wicked one have no power over me. Amen. LUTHER.

Sunday

Almighty Father, enter into our midst to-day and fill us with Thyself. Say unto each one of us, "I am thy salvation." So speak to us that we fail not to hear. Show us Thyself and our need of Thee. Uphold Thy servants who to-day proclaim Thy word in Thy temple and with Thy people worship Thee. Touch the hearts of the hearers so that they may receive and serve Thee. Hear us, O Heavenly Father, for the sake of Thine only begotten Son. Amen. AUGUSTINE.

Monday

Lord God, Heavenly Father, Thou whose will it is that we should love one another, give us grace to love every one we meet in our daily life. We pray Thee to be merciful to all men, but we pray especially for those whom Thy love hath given to us. Though our prayers be weak and faint, do Thou bestow upon them greater blessings than we know how to pray for. For Thy love surpasseth the love of men. Do unto them according to Thy will, that they may always and everywhere be under the shadow of Thy wing. Help them to love Thee, so that they may will and speak and do that which is pleasing in Thy sight. And may they at last attain unto life incorruptible. To Thee be all praise forever. Amen. ANSELM.

Tuesday

Lord, Thou alone canst direct my course over life's troubled sea. Arise, O Lord, bid the storm within my heart be still, and make it calm, that I may look up to Thee and in Thee find rest and peace. Stay my wandering thoughts, and fix my mind on Thee alone. Let Thy Holy Spirit ever dwell within me, and make me Thy temple. O Thou, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, fill me with Thy fullness; so shall I have comfort and strength, joy and peace forevermore. Amen. ARNDT.

Wednesday

O God, Thou art life and wisdom and blessedness; Thou alone art God, faithful and eternal. In Thee I have a never-failing source of joy. Teach me more and more to know Thee, that Thou mayest be more fully mine and that my joy in Thee may be full. And though my faith be unable in this present life so to receive Thee, grant that it may increase day by day until it be perfected in the life everlasting. My joy, while here, is the joy of hope; there it shall be the joy of perfect realization. Amen. ANSELM.

Thursday

Almighty God, Thou carest for me as if Thou didst take thought of me alone, and Thou carest for all as if all were one. I see things of earth pass away, and I see other things come in their stead, but Thou abidest forever. Therefore, my God and Father, to Thee will I commend all that I have received from Thee. For so I can suffer no loss. Thou, O Lord, hast made me for Thyself, and my heart can find no rest till it rest in Thee. Amen.
AUGUSTINE.

Friday

Grant me, I beseech Thee, Almighty and most Merciful God, fervently to desire, wisely to search out, and perfectly to fulfil, all that is well-pleasing unto Thee. Order Thou my worldly condition to the glory of Thy name; and grant me the knowledge, desire, and ability to do that which Thou requirest of me, that so I may walk with Thee unto the perfect end.

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart which no unworthy affection may debase; give me an enduring heart which no tribulation can wear out; give me an upright heart which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.

Bestow upon me also, O Lord my God, understanding to know Thee, diligence to seek Thee, wisdom to find Thee, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace Thee. Amen. AQUINAS.

Saturday

I know, O Lord, and do with all humility acknowledge myself an object altogether unworthy of Thy love; but sure I am, Thou art an object altogether worthy of mine. Thou hast a right to my best service, yet in me there is no goodness to serve Thee. Do Thou, then, impart to me of that excellence which shall supply my want. Help me, according to Thy will, to cease from sin, that I may be capable of doing Thee service according to my duty. Enable me so to guard and govern myself, so to begin and finish my course, that when the race of life is run I may sleep in peace, and rest in Thee. Be with me unto the end, that my sleep may be rest indeed, my rest perfect security, and that security a blessed eternity. Amen. AUGUSTINE.

Prayer before the Reading of the Word of God

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast commanded us to search the Scriptures and hast promised us that in them we shall find faith and eternal life. Thou alone art worthy to take the book and loose the seven seals thereof. Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law. Teach me the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end. Send me Thy Spirit from Thy holy heaven; and from the throne of Thy glory send Him to be with me and work with me, in order that I may realize what is well-pleasing unto Thee, that I may accomplish my work in Thy Name and to Thy glory, and that my heart may be filled with true faith, love, hope, humility, patience, meekness, piety, the fear of God, and blessedness in Him. Amen.

LOEHE.

Morning Prayer before Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank Thee for the love in which Thou gavest Thyself a sacrifice for us, and we thank Thee for the love in which Thou givest us Thyself in Thy Holy Supper. We pray Thee this day to stand at the door of our heart and knock, that we may hear Thy voice and open wide the door. Enter, Lord Jesus, into our heart, and make us worthy guests as we approach Thy table to commune with Thee. So shalt Thou also permit us to sup with Thee in Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant us this, in order that the gracious work which Thou hast already done for us may not have been done in vain. Amen. SCHARTAU.

Prayer Just before Communion

O loving Lord and Saviour, look upon me in mercy as Thou once didst look upon Peter when he had denied Thee, and upon the sinful woman in the house of the Pharisee, and upon the thief upon the cross. Give me grace to weep as did Peter bitterly over my sins, and as the sinful woman to love Thee with all my heart, and as the thief to be with Thee in Paradise. Amen.

Evening Prayer after Holy Communion

Dear God and Father, it is altogether true that I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof, but upon Thy own command and invitation have I sought Thee at Thy holy table. I fully and firmly believe that Thou of Thy mercy hast given me forgiveness of sins. I pray Thee to preserve me in the faith and in an unbroken communion with Thee. I doubt not Thy word of power. Thou hast fulfilled it in me, a poor, wretched sinner, to Thy glory. Amen.

LUTHER.

Prayer for Those in Anxiety for Their Souls

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. With shame and sorrow I confess unto Thee that I have sinned against Thee and have done wickedly. My sin is great, and it is against Thee, O God, my Benefactor and my Saviour, that I have sinned. Thou hast showered upon me nothing but blessings, and Thou hast often forgiven me my sins.

And yet I have neglected to heed Thy word and warning. I have suffered the lust of my flesh and the temptations of the evil one to overpower me and to defile me. O my sin, O my folly! If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquity, I could not stand before Thee. Have mercy upon me. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions. Impute no sin to me, but grant me to rejoice in Thy merciful pardon. For Jesus' sake look graciously upon me and cast me not away from Thy presence. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Then will I strive more earnestly to please Thee and will walk more carefully to avoid the snares of sin. Help me and be merciful unto me a sinner. Amen.

Prayer in Temptation

O Thou who knowest our hearts, and who seest our temptations and struggles, have pity upon us, and deliver us from the sins which war against our souls. Thou art all-powerful, we are weak and erring. Our trust is in Thee, O Thou good and faithful God. Guard us in peril, direct us in doubt, and save us from falling into sin. From the evil that is around and within us, graciously deliver us. Make the path of duty plain before us, and keep us therein unto the end. Amen.

Prayer for Mutual Forgiveness

To Thee, O Lord, I offer up my prayer for those who have in any wise caused me offense or grief, or have unjustly found fault with me, or have injured me. I pray also for those whom I at any time by word or deed, knowingly or unknowingly, have vexed or troubled or burdened or caused to stumble. Forgive us all our sins and our lack of charity one toward another.

Have mercy, O Lord, and make us so minded one toward another that we may be enabled to receive forgiveness and at last eternal life. Amen.

THOMAS À KEMPIS.

Prayer for a Dying Person

Almighty God, the Father of Jesus Christ, and our Father, Thou showest mercy at all times and in all places. Look with tender pity upon our poor, helpless brother whom Thou art now calling from this life. Grant him grace to remain firm and assured in his faith in Thee, that he may die as a true believer. Let him hear the words of Thy Son, our Saviour, "To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Remember not his sins, but be mindful of the agony and bitter death which Thy Son hath suffered for him. Have compassion upon him and grant him a peaceful departure from this life. Give him a portion in the resurrection of the just, and let him dwell with Thee forever. Amen.

OLAVUS PETRI.

Prayers on a Birthday

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast so graciously led and preserved me unto this day. Thou hast brought me to see the light of day and hast delivered me from the guilt of my first birth by giving me a second birth in holy Baptism. Thou art a faithful God, for Thou hast fulfilled all Thy precious promises to me. Forgive me, dear Lord, all my transgressions, pardon me, and grant me strength and wisdom to lead a life that is acceptable to Thee. As I advance in life, grant that I may ever grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thy will and in favor with Thee and with my fellow men. Grant that my years may not be spent in idleness or sin, but in labors useful to Thy Church and all men. And when my last hour is at hand, grant that it may be my birthday in heaven, so that the day of my death may be even better than the day of my birth. Into Thy hands I commend myself and my whole life. Forsake me never, dear Lord. Amen.

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Lord, I know not what I ought to ask of Thee; Thou only knowest what I need; Thou lovest me better than I know how to love myself. O Father! give to Thy child that which he himself knows not how to ask. I dare not ask either for crosses or consolations; I simply present myself before Thee, I open my heart to Thee. Behold my needs which I know not myself; see and do according to Thy tender mercy. Smite, or heal; depress me, or raise me up; I adore all Thy purposes without knowing them; I am silent; I offer myself in sacrifice; I yield myself to Thee; I would have no other desire than to accomplish Thy will. Teach me to pray. Pray Thyself in me. Amen.

FÈNELON.

Prayer on a Wedding Anniversary

Lord, to Thee do we with confidence entrust our home and those whom Thou hast given us. We thank Thee for the comfort and love which Thou hast permitted us to enjoy. But earthly happiness is frail. We cannot care for ourselves, nor be a stay for others. Protect our loved ones. Thy will be done, O Lord. Thou alone knowest what is for our good. Do with us as seemeth best to Thee. Thou alone art our safety. Lead us all upon the plain path to the eternal goal. For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Order of Service for the Sunday School

I. Order for Opening

After singing an appropriate **Hymn,** *the School standing, the* **Superintendent** *shall say:*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Confession of Sins

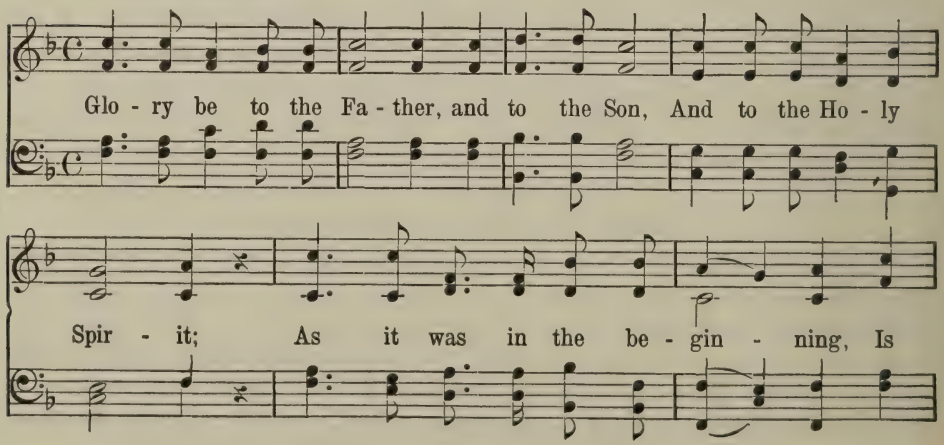
Then the **Superintendent** *and the* **School** *shall say:*

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions; And my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, And done that which is evil in Thy sight. Hide Thy face from my sins, And blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. (Ps. 51.)

Gloria Patri

The **School** *shall sing:*



The Collect

Then the **Superintendent** *shall say the following, or some other Collect appropriate to the day:*

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, Heavenly Father, grant us a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a firm hope in Thy mercy, and a sincere love to Thee and to all our fellow men, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The **School** *shall sing:*

Lenten Season.

The Scripture Lesson

Then the **Superintendent** *and the* **School** *shall read responsively the Scripture Lesson.*

The Apostles' Creed

After the reading of the Lesson, the **Superintendent** *and the* **School** *together shall say the Apostles' Creed.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

A **Hymn** *shall be sung, after which the* **Class Instruction** *shall begin.*

II. Order for Closing

The Class Instruction ended, and the School having been called to order, a **Lesson Review,** *or Questions on the* **Catechism** *may follow, after which* **Announcements** *shall be made.*

A **Hymn** *shall then be sung.*

The General Prayer

The hymn ended, the School shall stand while the **Superintendent** *shall say the following General Prayer (A free prayer may be offered):*

O Lord, most loving and merciful Saviour, Who didst call little children to come unto Thee, and didst lay Thy hands upon them, look upon us, we humbly beseech Thee, and bless us, Thy children, dedicated to Thy service in Holy Baptism. Bestow upon us Thy saving grace, and help us to remember our Creator in the days of our youth. Teach us that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

Bless, O Lord, the instruction which we have received this hour, and grant that Thy precious Word may be so grafted into our hearts as to bring forth the fruits of righteousness, to the honor and glory of Thy name.

Teach us truly to believe in Thee, to love Thee with all our heart, to worship Thee and give Thee thanks, to obey Thy commandments, to reverence Thy holy Name and Word, and to serve Thee faithfully all the days of our lives.

Be gracious unto all of us. Preserve us from all danger. Deliver us from the power of the evil one and from the wickedness that is in the world. Defend us by day and by night. Unite us in the bonds of Christian love, and receive us at last unto Thyself in Thy heavenly kingdom. These and all things else necessary for us, and for the whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Then the **Superintendent** *and the* **School** *shall say:*

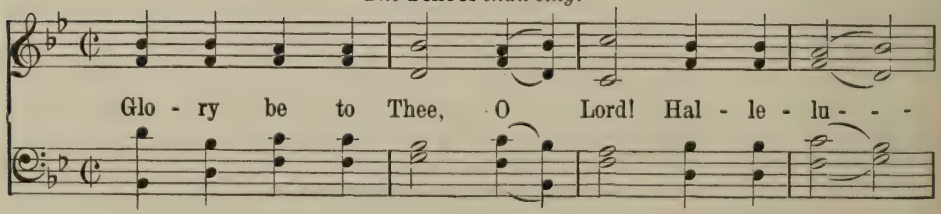
Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

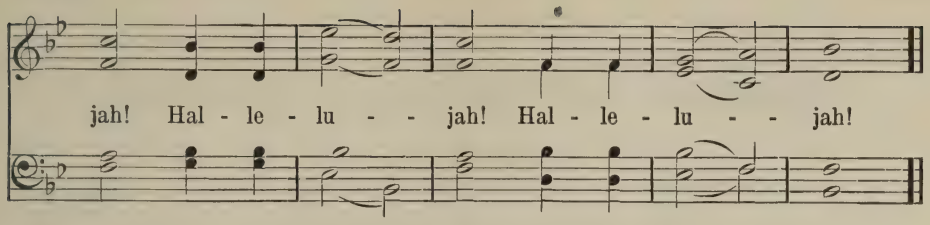
Benedicamus

The **Superintendent** *shall say:*

Let us thank and praise the Lord.

The **School** *shall sing:*





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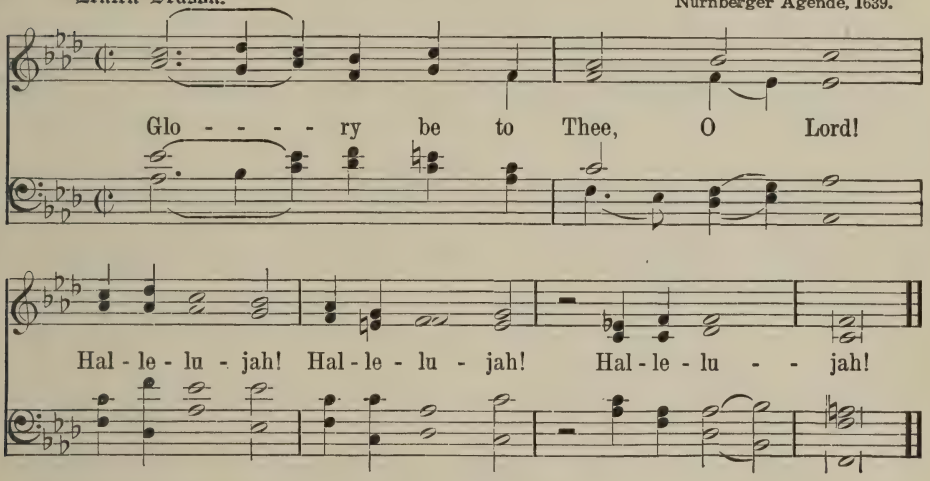
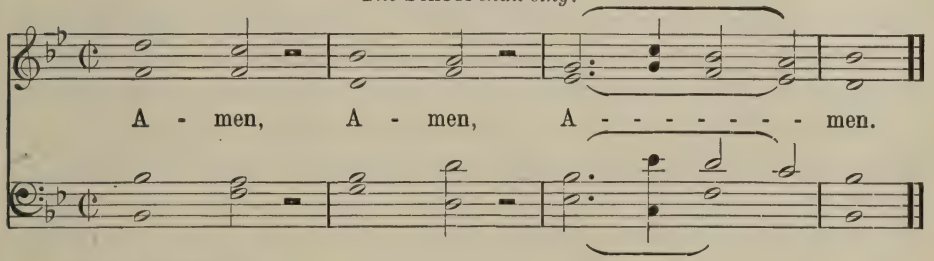


The **Superintendent** *shall say;*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all.

The **School** *shall sing:*



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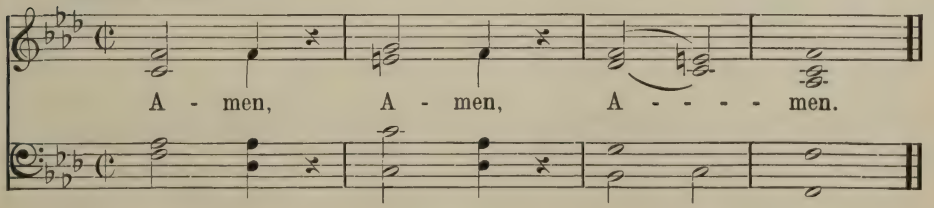

Synodical and Conference Meetings

Opening of Synodical or Conference Meeting

The meetings of the Augustana Synod and its Conferences shall be opened at such time as has been formally announced. The meetings shall begin with the full Service, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

After the sermon, the local pastor or his representative shall make the announcements and the customary address of welcome, to which the President of the Synod or Conference shall reply. The President shall then declare the meeting opened in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Announcements concerning the meeting are then made by the President, or, if so stipulated, by the Secretary.

Preceding the General Prayer: "Almighty and most Merciful God," etc., the following Prayer shall be used.

Merciful God, dear heavenly Father, Who through Thy Son Jesus Christ hast established Thy Church on earth, and Who graciously hast maintained and preserved it among us: we beseech Thee to grant Thy blessing to us who are here assembled to take counsel together for the welfare of Thy Church. Bestow upon us Thy Spirit of wisdom and fear, the Spirit of grace and might, the Spirit of peace and love, that our counsels may redound to Thy glory and to the continued upbuilding and establishing of Thy kingdom. Govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we in love one to another may execute the commission entrusted to us as a communion of saints: through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Here follows the General Prayer and the Service proceeds in the usual manner, including the Lord's Supper.

N. B. For the hours of devotion which are held morning and evening, as much of the Matin or Vesper Services as is considered advisable may be used, preferably unabbreviated.

Conclusion of Synodical or Conference Meeting

The customary Vesper Service shall be used, but with the following provisions:

(*1*) *The Service shall begin with a Hymn of Thanksgiving, as e. g. No. 299, and shall then proceed in the manner prescribed.*

(*2*) *The text to be read before the Altar shall be chosen by the President, or at his direction by the officiating pastor.*

(*3*) *After the Sermon, instead of "Praised be the Lord," etc., the following prayer shall be offered:*

Almighty God, dear heavenly Father, abounding in grace and mercy: We give Thee hearty thanks that during this Synodical (Conference) meeting Thou hast preserved us by Thy grace, led us by Thy hand, and directed us by Thy Holy Spirit. To Thee alone do we render thanks for all the counsels and resolves that may redound to the glory of Thy Name. Graciously forgive and overrule all things wherein we have failed. Sanctify, O God, Thy Church, strengthen and preserve her, that she may remain steadfast in Thy Word and in Thy holy Sacraments. Grant that she may steadily increase and that in true godliness she may worship, serve, thank, and praise Thee, and perfect Thy praise in eternity, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A Hymn, or an Anthem by the Choir, shall follow, whereupon the President shall, on behalf of the Synod or Conference, thank the Congregation for its hospitality, and direct other appropriate words to the assembly.

After the Offertory, during which the offering is received, the Service shall conclude in the usual manner.

N. B. Should a night session be necessary, the final session shall close with the reading in unison of the Apostles' Creed, whereupon the President shall pronounce the Benediction.

Order for Ordination

Ordination shall take place at a synodical meeting, or at such other time and place as the Synod may decide. The Candidates, together with the Assisting Ministers, shall proceed to the Chancel and arrange themselves in the customary way. After the singing of a Hymn, the Ordination Address shall be delivered. Then a Hymn, or a selection by the Choir, shall be sung, during which the President shall proceed to the Altar, and, turning to the Congregation, shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

The Candidates shall kneel and the President shall turn to the Altar and say:

Almighty and eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Thou hast commanded us to pray for laborers in Thy harvest. In Thy mercy send us faithful pastors and fill their minds and hearts with Thy holy and life-giving Word. Imbue them with grace that they may take heed unto themselves and unto their teaching, and that they may faithfully fulfill all Thy commands. Grant us, O God, Thy Holy Spirit, that Thy Word may ever abide with us, increase, and bring forth abundant fruit. Grant that Thy servants, as is meet, may with all boldness bear witness of Thee, so that Thy holy Christian Church may thereby be edified, serve Thee in constant faith, and remain steadfast in Thy knowledge, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The President shall turn to the Congregation and say:

The following men have been duly approved by the Augustana Synod for Ordination to the Gospel Ministry:

The Secretary shall read the names of the Candidates and the charge to which each is called. Then shall the President say:

Inasmuch as you have been called to the Holy Ministry, and in order that we all may earnestly consider the sacredness of this calling, let us hear the promises and admonitions of the Word of God.

Then shall the Assisting Ministers read the following Bible passages:

And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.—MATT. 28. 18–20.

Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, lovest thou Me more than these? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, Feed My lambs. He saith to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, lovest thou Me? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, Tend My sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of John, lovest thou Me? Peter was grieved because He said unto him the third time, Lovest thou Me? And he said unto Him, Lord, Thou knowest all things: Thou knowest that I love Thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed My sheep.—John 21. 15–17.

Jesus said to His disciples: Peace be unto you: as the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit: whose soever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven unto them; whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.—John 20. 21–23.

Jesus said: Every one therefore who shall confess Me before men, him will I also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father who is in heaven. —Matt. 10. 32, 33.

Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new. But all things are of God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beseech you on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God.—2 Cor. 5. 17–20.

Therefore thus saith Jehovah, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, that thou mayest stand before Me; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as My mouth: they shall return unto thee, but thou shalt not return unto them.—Jer. 15. 19.

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.—Ezek. 3. 17–19.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under the bushel, but on the stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house. Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.—Matt. 5. 13–16.

Exercise thyself unto godliness: for bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come.—1 Tim. 4. 7, 8.

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.—1 Tim. 4. 12–14.

Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these thing; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee.—1 Tim. 4. 16.

Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth. But shun profane babblings: for they will proceed further in ungodliness. But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and ignorant questionings refuse, knowing that they gender strifes. And the Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing, in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth.—2 Tim. 2. 15, 16; 22–25.

Then shall the President say:

The Lord grant you grace faithfully to keep these words in your heart. May they guide you in your daily walk and conversation, and ever remind you of your responsibility. May they increase your watchfulness and inspire you with zeal for continued consecration to the service of our Chief Shepherd.

The Church of God looks to you ever to bear in mind the importance and sacred responsibility of the office this day intrusted to you, and to continue by faithful prayer in the Name of Jesus to obtain grace and strength from God, to the end that you may prove yourselves good servants of the Lord in the performance of your duties. The Lord help you to fight the good fight of faith, to lay hold of eternal life, and to make a good confession.

I ask you now to make confession before God and His Congregation of your Christian faith.

The Candidates shall make the following confession:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

After the Confession of Faith the President shall say:

The Lord grant you grace to remain steadfast in this faith unto the end, and in it to strengthen them that are of the household of the faith.

Then the President shall ask the following questions:

Before God and this Christian Congregation I ask:

Do you declare yourselves willing to take upon you in the Name of the Triune God the sacred office of the Holy Ministry and faithfully to administer it to the honor of God and the salvation of souls?

Answer:

Yes.

The President shall ask:

Will you remain steadfast in the pure, evangelical doctrine, as it is grounded in the holy Word of God, the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments, and as it is accepted and explained in the unaltered Augsburg Confession and understood in accordance with its development in the other symbolical books of the Lutheran Church, so that you will neither publicly declare and advance nor secretly support doctrines that are contrary to the same?

Answer:

Yes.

The President shall ask:

Will you also administer your office in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Church; yield ready obedience to those in authority; admonish your hearers to the exercise of godliness and give to them faithful and willing service; care for the poor, the sick, and the helpless, and by the grace of God comfort and restore troubled and anxious hearts?

Answer:

Yes.

The President shall ask:

Will you also so conduct yourselves that your life may be an example to the faithful and give offence to no one?

Answer:

Yes.

Then the President shall say:

God Almighty strengthen and help you to keep these promises.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Church in accordance with the Word of God, I herewith intrust to you the office of the Holy Ministry, in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Candidates shall kneel, while the Choir sings the following:

Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord!
Be all Thy graces now outpoured
On the believer's mind and soul,
To strengthen, save, and make us whole.
Lord, by the brightness of Thy light,
Thou in the faith dost men unite
Of every land and every tongue:
This to Thy praise, O Lord, be sung:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (*Hymnal 154: 1.*)

At the close of the Hymn, the President and the Assisting Clergymen shall place their hands upon the heads of the Candidates and pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Then the President, standing at the Altar, shall say:

Let us pray.

Turning to the Altar, he shall continue:

Eternal and merciful God, heavenly Father: We pray Thee with our whole heart graciously to look upon these Thy servants, who now have been ordained to Thy service in the office of the Holy Ministry. Bestow upon them Thy Holy Spirit. Grant that in watchfulness and prayer they may be

strengthened by Thy Word and remain steadfast in the warfare of Thy kingdom. Increase in them faith and strength to do Thy work; to reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching, in order that Thy Gospel may remain pure and unadulterated among us and bring forth the fruits of eternal life, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The ordained Candidates shall rise. The Secretary shall distribute the Certificates of Ordination. The President shall turn to the ordained men and say:

Tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, according to the will of God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. (*1 Peter 5. 2–4.*)

Then the President shall say:

Bow your hearts unto God and receive the Benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Service shall close with a Hymn.

Order for the Installation of a Pastor

The Act of Installing a Pastor shall be performed by the President of the Conference, or, in his absence, by a minister whom he shall appoint. The pastors of the district in which the church is located should assist. The Service shall begin with a Hymn. The Officiating Minister shall proceed to the Altar, while the Pastor-elect and the Assisting Clergymen take their position at the Chancel. After the singing of the hymn the Officiating Minister shall turn to the Congregation and say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then shall he deliver his Address, at the conclusion of which he shall say:

Let us pray.

The Pastor elect and the Assisting Clergymen shall kneel. The Officiating Minister shall turn to the Altar and say:

Almighty and eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Thou hast commanded us to pray for laborers in Thy harvest. In Thy mercy send us faithful pastors and fill their minds and hearts with Thy holy and life-giving Word. Imbue them with grace that they may take heed unto themselves and unto their teaching, and that they may faithfully fulfill all Thy commands. Grant us, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit, that Thy Word may ever abide with us, increase, and bring forth abundant fruit. Grant that Thy servants, as is meet, may with all boldness bear witness of Thee, so that Thy holy Christian Church may thereby be edified, serve Thee in constant faith, and remain steadfast in Thy knowledge, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Officiating Minister shall turn to the Church Council and say:

I ask you, honorable members of the Church Council of this Congregation, Have you duly and regularly called this brother N. N. to be Pastor of this N. N. Congregation, and will you conduct yourselves toward him as the Word of God prescribes?

Answer:

Yes.

Then shall the Officiating Minister turn to the Pastor-elect and say:

Since you have been regularly called to be the Pastor of this Congregation, and now have presented yourself before the Lord and His people to be inducted into this office, hear and consider with us the promises and admonitions of the Word of God.

Then shall the Assisting Clergymen read the following Bible passages:

And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.—Matt. 28. 18–20.

Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, lovest thou Me more than these? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, Feed My lambs. He saith to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, lovest thou Me? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, Tend My sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of John, lovest thou Me? Peter was grieved because He said unto him the third time, Lovest thou Me? And he said unto Him, Lord, Thou knowest all things: Thou knowest that I love Thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed My sheep.—John 21. 15–17.

He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things. And He gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ:—Eph. 4. 10–12.

Therefore thus saith Jehovah, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, that thou mayest stand before Me; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as My mouth; they shall return unto thee, but thou shalt not return unto them.—Jer. 15. 19.

I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, Who shall judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the Word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables. But be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry.—2 Tim. 4. 1–5.

Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth. But shun profane babblings: for they will proceed further in ungodliness. But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and ignorant questionings refuse, knowing that they gender strifes. And the Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing, in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth.—2 Tim. 2. 15, 16; 22-25.

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.—Ezek. 3. 17–19.

Tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, according to the will of God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves ensamples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.—1 Pet. 5. 2–4.

And the Lord said, Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall set over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will set him over all that he hath. —Luke 12. 42–44.

Then shall the Officiating Minister say:

The Lord grant you grace faithfully to keep these words in your heart. May they guide you in your daily walk and conversation, and ever remind you of your responsibility. May they increase your watchfulness and inspire you with zeal for continued consecration to the service of our Chief Shepherd, and to the faithful and conscientious care of this Congregation.

The Church of God looks to you ever to bear in mind the importance and sacred responsibility of the office this day intrusted to you, and to continue by earnest prayer in the Name of Jesus to obtain grace and strength from God,

that you may prove yourself a good and faithful servant of the Lord in the performance of your duties. The Lord help you to fight the good fight of faith, to lay hold of eternal life, and to make a good confession.

I ask you now to make confession before God and His Congregation of your Christian faith.

The Pastor-elect shall make the following confession:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

After the Confession of Faith the Officiating Minister shall say:

The Lord grant you grace to remain steadfast in this faith unto the end, and in it to strengthen them that are of the household of the faith.

The Officiating Minister shall ask the following questions:

Do you declare yourself willing to take upon you in the Name of the Triune God the office of pastor in this Christian N. N. Congregation?

Answer:
Yes.

Will you earnestly endeavor rightly and worthily to administer this office to the honor of God and the salvation of souls?

Answer:
Yes.

Will you therefore remain faithful to the pure Word of God, shun all false and heretical doctrines, preach the Lord Jesus Christ according to the Word of God, and administer the holy sacraments as they were instituted?

Answer:
Yes.

Will you so conduct yourself that your life may be an example to the faithful and give offence to no one?

Answer:
Yes.

The Officiating Minister shall say:

God Almighty strengthen and help you to keep these promises.

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I intrust to you the office of Pastor in this Congregation, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Pastor-elect shall kneel, and the Officiating Minister, together with the Assisting Clergymen, shall place their hands upon his head and say:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Officiating Minister shall proceed to the Altar, and, turning to the Congregation, shall say:

Let us pray.

Turning to the Altar, he shall pray:

Merciful God, dear heavenly Father, Thou who hast graciously promised and declared that through the preaching of Christ crucified Thou wilt save all who believe, we earnestly pray Thee that Thou wouldst richly endow with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit this Thy servant, whom Thou hast sent and ordained as the Pastor of this Congregation. Grant that he may be strengthened and established, ever steadfast and unmoved in all temptations, and that faithfully and diligently he may minister to the needs of Thy Church by means of Thy life-giving Word, to the praise and glory of Thy holy Name, and to the edification and advancement of Thy kingdom, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then the Officiating Minister, turning to the Pastor, shall say:

Bow your heart unto God and receive the benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Congregation shall rise and sing:

Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Service shall close with silent prayer.

Order for the Commissioning of Missionaries

The Act of Commissioning shall be performed by the President of the Board, or by someone appointed by him, assisted by such as he may choose.

The Candidates to be commissioned should be seated in front of the Chancel, with the Assistants on both sides of them, and the Commissioner standing in front of the Altar.

The Service shall begin with the singing of a Hymn, after which the following prayer, or an extempore prayer, may be offered by the Commissioner, saying:

Let us pray.

He shall turn to the Altar and pray:

Almighty and most merciful God, faithful Lord and Saviour, Thou Who hast commanded Thy people to bring the gospel to the heathen and hast promised to crown our labor with Thy blessing, we praise and magnify Thy holy Name. We give thanks unto Thee for Thy great salvation, which Thou hast prepared unto all nations. We thank Thee that Thou hast heard the prayers of Thy people and hast inclined the hearts of these Thy servants to offer themselves in Thy service in other lands, to bring that which was lost into the true fold of Thy sheep. Help us earnestly and sincerely to consider Thy great mercy in calling us to be co-laborers with Thee in the extension of Thy Kingdom. Increase our faith in Thee, our love to our fellow men, and our hope of eternal life, and grant that our labors may be crowned with Thy blessing. Amen.

The Choir may then render an Anthem or a song, after which the Installation Address follows.

At the conclusion of the Address, announcements shall be made and the offering for the Foreign Mission taken, while an Offertory is played. Then shall follow a Hymn by the Congregation. Then shall the Missionaries stand, and the Commissioner address them as follows:

Dear brethren, let us hear the Word of God concerning the great work of bringing the gospel into all the world.

The Assistants, now standing, shall read the following or some other selections from the Holy Scriptures:

Thus saith the Lord Jesus Christ to His disciples: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—MT. 28. 19–20.

Jesus also said to Nicodemus: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him."—JOHN 3. 16–17.

Moreover Jesus, the Good Shepherd, saith: "I am the Good Shepherd; and I know Mine own, and Mine own know Me, even as the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock, one Shepherd."—JOHN 10. 14–16.

Thus saith also the ascended Saviour to His apostle Paul and to all His messengers to the heathen, commissioning them: "To open the eyes of the heathen, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in Me."—ACTS 26. 18.

Other passages: Mt. 24. 14; Lk. 19. 10; Acts 1. 8; 2 Cor. 5. 14; Rom. 1. 5; Rev. 11. 15.

The Commissioner shall continue:

From these words of our Lord we learn and understand our obligation to teach and to preach His gospel to those who have not yet heard of its saving power, and

Inasmuch as you have been called to serve as our missionaries to the heathen, and have accepted this call, I, therefore, now ask you, dear brethren, before God and this Congregation:

Will you, by the help of God, in all your life and work as missionaries faithfully and diligently preach and teach (for women missionaries use only the word "teach") the pure Word of God in accordance with the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and serve in your appointed district or department under the rules and regulations of the Mission to which you are sent, and under the direction of the Board which is sending you?

Answer:

Yes.

The Commissioner shall extend his hand to each Missionary in turn.

He then shall say:

By virtue of this promise, in the name and by the authority of the Board of Foreign Missions, I now commission you to go as witnesses of Jesus Christ to the heathen, charging you to be diligent and faithful in your high calling and service. May the gracious presence and almighty power of the Saviour, Jesus Christ, attend you in all your ways and work mightily through you for the spread of His Kingdom.

The Commissioner shall say:

Let us pray.

The Missionaries shall kneel, while the Commissioner turns to the Altar and prays:

O Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest, we pray for those whom Thou hast sent into Thy harvest. Endow them with manifold gifts for the work of their ministry; give them the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind; grant them humility; teach them to follow peace with each other and with all men; support them amidst their trials and perplexities, bodily sickness and hopes deferred; and so confirm the word from their lips by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that multitudes may be turned from the power of Satan unto Thee, the true God, through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who didst give Thine only-begotten Son, that the world through Him might be saved: look, we beseech Thee in mercy upon them that walk in darkness and that dwell in the land of the shadow of death. Kindle in our hearts a fervent love toward Thee, that we may be truly zealous for the spread of Thy Kingdom on earth. Send forth laborers into Thy harvest. Bless Thy servants in their work. Glorify Thy Name by Thy gospel throughout the whole world; and let us at last, together with the innumerable multitude of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, serve and praise Thee forever in Thy glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who rulest the raging of the sea and stillest its waves, we commit to Thy care and protection Thy servants whom we send forth in Thy Name. Fulfill the promise made through Thy Son to be with them at all times, in all perils by land and water, in sickness and in distress, in weariness and pain, in disappointments and persecutions. Bless them with Thy continual favor, give them many souls as the reward of their labor, and in every hour of conflict, or of doubt or uncertainty, let Thy presence go with them and give them Thy peace, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

O God, Father of Lights, from Whom cometh every good and perfect gift, let Thy special favor rest on all those charged with the administration of Thy work in heathen lands. Endow them with wisdom to devise, and courage and strength to execute, plans for the furtherance of Thy Kingdom, and grant that with one heart and one mind they may live and pray and labor in Thy service; that their work may be blessed by Thee to the salvation of souls, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, we ascribe all honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Missionaries shall rise from their kneeling position and resume their seats.

A Hymn, such as No. 265 in the Hymnal, may now be sung: "Thy scepter, Jesus, shall extend."

One or more of the Missionaries may now briefly address the Congregation.

The Commissioner may address the Congregation as follows:

And now I admonish you who have attended this solemn service to remember these servants of the Lord in your petitions at the throne of grace, that they may reach their fields of labor abroad in safety, and that they may experience in their lives and labors as messengers to the heathen the abundant blessing of God. Coöperate with them by your regular and liberal gifts and sacrifices for the great work for which we are jointly responsible before God, and so labor for the increase of the missionary spirit among us that God may speedily fulfill His promises: "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." "The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever."

Closing Hymn: "A mighty Fortress is our God."

Then the Commissioner shall say:

Bow your hearts unto God and receive the Benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Commissioner shall turn to the Altar, and the Congregation shall sing:

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Service shall close with silent prayer.

Order for the Installation of a Professor of Theology

The President of the Synod, the President of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, the members of the Board of Trustees, the Dean of the Seminary, the Professors and the Theological Students shall enter the Chapel in procession.

The Service shall begin with a Hymn, whereupon the President of the Synod shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

He shall then deliver an Address. After a Hymn or Anthem, he shall say:

Let us pray.

Turning to the Altar, he shall kneel and pray:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Through Thy Son Thou hast instituted the high office of the Holy Ministry. Thou hast also given some to instruct those who are to teach others. We invoke Thy blessing upon this Thy servant whom Thou hast called to instruct the young men in our school of the prophets. Do Thou graciously bestow upon him the gifts of Thy Spirit, and endow him with wisdom and strength from above. Guide and preserve him that he may always teach according to Thy Word. Grant us all, O Lord, Thy Spirit, that Thy Word may ever abide with us, and prosper Thou our work for the upbuilding of Thy Church. We pray for these and all other needful blessings in the Name of Thy dear Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

The prayer ended, the President shall turn to the Professor-elect and say:

Let us now hear the Word of God concerning the office of teaching.

The Assistants shall read as follows:

Thou therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of this life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier.

And if also a man contend in the games, he is not crowned, except he have contended lawfully.

The husbandman that laboreth must be the first to partake of the fruits.

Consider what I say; for the Lord shall give thee understanding in all things.—2 Tim. 2: 1–7.

The President shall continue:

May these and all the words of the Lord be unto you a rule of faith to guide you in your high calling, to the glory of God and to the upbuilding of the Church.

I call upon you now to make the affirmation required by the constitution of Augustana Theological Seminary.

Then shall the Professor-elect say:

I solemnly promise before Almighty God that all my teachings shall be in conformity with His Word and with the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and that I will, with the help of God, fulfill the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

Then the President shall say:

God Almighty endow you with the gift of His Holy Spirit and grant you grace faithfully to keep the sacred promise which you now have given, and to discharge the duties of your office to the glory of His holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I intrust to you the office of Professor in Augustana Theological Seminary, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

After a Hymn or Anthem, the Professor shall deliver an Address.

The Address ended, the Congregation shall sing a Hymn, during which the President shall proceed to the Altar.

He shall turn to the Congregation and say:

Let us pray.

Turning to the Altar, he shall pray:

Lord Jesus Christ: We thank and praise Thee that Thou hast given us this Thy servant, and we pray Thee to grant unto him and to us all grace and power from on high, that we may do that which is well pleasing in Thy sight, holding faith and a good conscience, and finally, with all the elect, be received into Thy kingdom of glory. Amen.

Then shall all join in the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Then shall the President say:

Bow your hearts unto God, and receive the Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The President shall turn to the Altar, and the Congregation shall sing:

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Order for Installation of President of Synod or Conference

Notice of the Induction into Office of the President of the Synod or of a Conference shall be publicly given from the pulpit, followed by a prayer. The Induction shall take place on a Sunday or Holy Day. If it occur at a morning or evening service, the order shall begin immediately after the Offertory with the singing of a Hymn. The Officiating Minister shall proceed to the Altar, and the Assistants, together with the President-elect, shall take their places at the Chancel.

Then shall the Officiating Minister say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then shall he deliver the Installation Address. After a Hymn or an Anthem by the Choir, he shall say:

Let us pray.

The President-elect and the Assisting Ministers shall kneel. The Officiating Minister shall turn to the Altar and pray:

Almighty, eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Thou hast commanded us to pray for laborers in Thy harvest. In Thy mercy send us faithful pastors and fill their minds and hearts with Thy holy and life-giving Word. Imbue them with grace that they may take heed unto themselves and unto their teaching, and that they may faithfully fulfill all Thy commands. Grant us, O Lord, Thy holy Spirit, that Thy Word may ever abide with us, increase and bring forth abundant fruit. Grant that Thy servants, as is meet, may with all boldness bear witness of Thee, so that Thy holy Christian Church may thereby be edified, serve Thee in constant faith, and remain steadfast in Thy knowledge, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Officiating Minister shall turn to the Congregation and say:

The Secretary of the Synod (Conference) will now present the certificate of election of —— to the office of President of the Synod (or of N. N. Conference).

The Secretary shall read the certificate of election and present it to the Officiating Minister, who shall say:

You have been legally elected to the office of President of the Augustana Synod (——Conference) and have now come before the altar of the Lord to be invested with the authority of this office; let us, therefore, now hear the promises and admonitions of the Word of God, that we all may earnestly consider the sacredness of this office.

The Assistants shall read the following Bible passages, with others selected by the Secretary if necessary: Matt. 28. 18 20. John 21. 15–17. Eph. 4. 10–12. Acts 20. 28. Tit. 1. 7–9. 1 Tim. 4. 14, 15. 1 Tim. 5. 21, 22. 1 Pet. 5. 2–4. Luke 12. 42–44. Luke 12. 48.

Then shall the Officiating Minister say:

The Lord grant you grace faithfully to keep these words in your heart. May they guide you in your daily walk and conversation, and ever remind you of your responsibility. May they increase your watchfulness and inspire you with zeal for continued consecration to the service of our Chief Shepherd, and to the faithful and conscientious care of this Synod (Conference).

The Church of God looks to you ever to bear in mind the importance and sacred responsibility of the office this day intrusted to you, and to continue by faithful prayer in the Name of Jesus to obtain grace and strength from God, to the end that you may prove yourself a good servant of the Lord in the performance of your duties. The Lord help you to fight the good fight of faith, to lay hold of eternal life, and to make a good confession.

I ask you now to make confession before God and His Congregation of your Christian faith.

The President-elect shall make the following confession:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, The Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

After the Confession of Faith, the Officiating Minister shall say:

The Lord grant you grace to remain steadfast in this faith unto the end, and in it to strengthen them that are of the household of the faith.

Then the Officiating Minister shall ask the following questions:

Do you declare yourself willing to accept in the Name of the Triune God the Office of President of N. N.?

The President-elect shall answer:

Yes.

The Officiating Minister shall continue:

Will you exercise all diligence that the Word of God be preached in its purity and that the holy sacraments be administered in accordance with our Lutheran Confessions?

The President-elect:

Yes.

The Officiating Minister:

Will you use your best endeavor to the end that the Constitution of our Church, its Order of Service, its laws and enactments may be followed and obeyed?

The President-elect:

Yes.

The Officiating Minister:

Will you by your faith and life be a Christian example to the servants of the Church and all its members so that good order may be maintained and the spiritual and material interests of the Church be thereby promoted?

The President-elect:

Yes.

Then shall the Officiating Minister say:

God Almighty strengthen and help you to keep these promises.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Church in accordance with the Word of God, I herewith intrust to you the office of President of the Augustana Synod (N. N. Conference), in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The President-elect shall kneel, while the Choir sings the following:

Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord!
Be all Thy graces now outpoured
On the believer's mind and soul,
To strengthen, save, and make us whole.
Lord, by the brightness of Thy light,
Thou in the faith dost men unite
Of every land and every tongue:
This to Thy praise, O Lord, be sung.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (*Hymn 154: 1*).

At the close of the Hymn, the Officiating Minister shall place his hands upon the head of the President-elect and pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Then the Officiating Minister, standing at the Altar, shall say:

Let us pray.

Turning to the Altar, he shall pray:

Almighty God, merciful Father, we thank Thee that, in Thine infinite love, Thou hast given us Thine only begotten Son to be a Saviour, who redeemed us by His death, ascended far above all the heavens, and shed His gifts richly upon men, giving unto some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers, unto the building up of His Church. We pray Thee graciously to bestow Thy Holy Spirit upon this Thy servant, to whom now has been committed the oversight of this Synod (Conference), that he may ever be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, and that he may so administer the office intrusted to him as not to break down but build up, not harm but help. Grant that he may not neglect the gift of God which is in him, but that he may be instant in prayer, in reading and meditating upon Thy Word, in admonishing and instructing. Grant that, in honor and dishonor, in evil and good report, he may prove himself to be Thy servant, in much patience, in labors, in watching, in fastings, in pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left; and that, as a faithful and wise steward who has given his household their portion of food in due season, he may finally enter into joy eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Officiating Minister shall then turn to the newly installed President and say:

Bow your heart unto God and receive the Benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Congregation shall rise and sing:

Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Service shall close with silent prayer during which the Congregation remains standing and the Officiating Minister kneels before the Altar.

Order for Installation of Church Officers

Deacons and Trustees should be installed into their respective offices at a regular public service as soon after their election as possible. The Installation shall take place immediately after the Hymn following the Sermon.

The Minister, having proceeded to the Altar, shall turn to the Congregation and read the names of the officers-elect, who shall then present themselves at the Chancel. He shall proceed as follows:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dear Brethren: Inasmuch as you have been elected to important offices in this Congregation, let us now hear the admonitions and promises of God's Word.

Now in these days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring of the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. And the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not fit that we should forsake the word of God, and serve tables. Look ye out therefore, brethren, from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word.—Acts 6. 1–4.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members have not the same office: so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another. And having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of our faith; or ministry, let us give ourselves to our ministry; or he that teacheth, to his teaching; or he that exhorteth, to his exhorting: he that giveth, let him do it with liberality; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.—Romans 12. 1, 4–8.

For they that have served well as deacons gain to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.—1 Tim. 3. 13.

Thereupon the Minister shall say:

The Lord grant you grace earnestly to take heed unto these words.

The duties which you have in common are as follows:

You shall, with the help of God, in your own home and before this Congregation live a consistent Christian life in word and deed.

The duties of the Deacons are these:

1. They shall, in the absence of the pastor, conduct the public services; and they shall at all times endeavor to promote true Christian living.

2. They shall visit the sick and provide for the relief of the poor and afflicted members of the Congregation.

3. They shall see that the pastor is properly supported.

4. They shall see that the children and youth of the Congregation receive proper instruction in our Christian faith, and that schools for this purpose are established and maintained.

5. They shall use their best endeavors to promote the cause of missions.

6. They shall see that the divine services and all matters pertaining to the Congregation are conducted decently and in order.

The duties of the Trustees are the following:

1. They shall hold in trust, for the use and benefit of the Congregation, its real and personal property, and keep and carefully preserve all deeds and other valuable documents.

2. They shall faithfully execute the resolutions of the Congregation in respect to its financial affairs; make such repairs to the Church and other buildings of the Congregation as may be necessary, in accordance with the constitution and resolutions of the Congregation; and protect and preserve against damage and loss all other property belonging to the Congregation.

3. They shall receive and keep a record of all incomes of the Congregation, and at every annual meeting render account thereof.

The Minister shall continue:

These are the duties which this Congregation has asked you to assume and discharge. I ask you now: Do you promise, by the help of God, faithfully to fulfill these duties to the best of your ability?

Answer:

Yes.

The Minister shall say:

May God give you the will and the strength to keep these promises.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I hereby declare you inducted into your respective offices. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

Bow your hearts unto God and receive the Benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Minister shall turn to the Altar, and the Congregation shall rise and sing:

Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Service shall close with silent prayer.

Order for Reception of Members

Persons of other denominations, who have been baptized and whose application for membership has been approved by the Church Council, are received according to the following formula:

The Applicant shall present himself at the Altar, and the Minister shall say:

Beloved in the Lord! You have applied for membership in this Evangelical Lutheran Congregation; you have also in the presence of the Church Council given proof of your knowledge of the doctrine which our Lord Jesus has revealed in His Holy Word, and which is preached and confessed in this Church. This is also the faith into which you have been baptized. But as you have been a member of a denomination having a confession of faith differing from that of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, I ask you, therefore, Do you of your own free will and firm conviction sever your former Church connection, and do you desire now to unite with this Evangelical Lutheran Church?

Answer:

Yes.

I exhort you now of your own accord to make confession of your faith before God and this Christian Congregation.

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

Answer:

Yes.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; Descended into hell; The third day rose again from the dead; Ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; Whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead?

Answer:

Yes.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting?

Answer:

Yes.

Do you therefore believe and confess that the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God, the only infallible rule and standard of our faith and life?

Answer.

Yes.

Do you believe that the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism are a true summary of the principal doctrines of the Christian faith?

Answer:

Yes.

Is it your purpose to remain steadfast in the faith unto the end, and as a true follower of Christ walk in newness of life; and, to the end that you may grow in grace, will you, in watchfulness and prayer, diligently use the Word of God and the Holy Sacraments?

Answer:

Yes.

Do you also promise faithfully to fulfill the duties and obligations of church membership as prescribed in the constitution of this Congregation?

Answer:

Yes.

Upon this confession and promise, I hereby declare you a member of this Evangelical Lutheran —— Congregation, sharing with us free access to the means of grace. The Lord grant that you may avail yourself of this privilege unto your eternal salvation. Amen.

Thereupon the Minister shall offer a brief prayer, after which he shall say:

Bow your hearts unto God, and receive the Benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Order for Excommunication, and Removal of the Ban

When a member of the Congregation, after due examination and sufficient time for repentance, must be excluded from the fellowship of the Church, the act of excommunication shall take place from the pulpit at a public service in the following manner:

Beloved in the Lord: Be it known that N. N., a member of this Congregation, has, contrary to the admonitions given us in the Word of God, (here the offense is named), and has thereby incurred the displeasure of God and caused offense in His Church. Although the Board of Deacons has repeatedly warned and tenderly admonished him (her), he (she), has, notwithstanding, continued in his (her) impenitence. The Board of Deacons has therefore adjudged that N. N. may no longer remain as a member of the Church of God.

On behalf of the Congregation I therefore declare that N. N., from this day and until such time as he (she) shall turn and repent, shall be excluded from the Church of God and denied its privileges. May the Lord in His grace have mercy upon him (her).

Let us pray.

Eternal and merciful God, Thou holdest the hearts of all men in Thy hand. Look in tender mercy upon this man (this woman) and bring him (her) by Thy Holy Spirit to sincere sorrow and repentance. Give him (her) grace to humble himself (herself) before Thee and to seek restoration and forgiveness of sins in the blood of Jesus Christ, while it is yet called To-day. Hear us, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

When an excommunicated person repents and seeks to be received again into the fellowship of the Church of God, he shall make application to the Pastor. The latter shall take counsel with the Board of Deacons, and, if the request be granted, his reinstatement shall be announced from the pulpit.

Order for the Laying of a Corner-Stone

The Church Council, visiting Ministers, the Pastor of the Congregation and the President of the Conference shall walk in procession to the place where the church is to be erected.

Then shall the President say:

I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go unto the house of Jehovah,
Our feet are standing
Within thy gates, O Jerusalem,
Jerusalem, that art builded
As a city that is compact together;
Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of Jehovah,
For an ordinance for Israel,
To give thanks unto the Name of Jehovah.
For there are set thrones for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say, Peace be within thee.
For the sake of the house of Jehovah our God
I will seek thy good.

The President shall continue:

Beloved members and friends of this Congregation: We are met to begin the erection of a house to be consecrated to the honor and worship of God, a house where the Word of God shall be preached and the Holy Sacraments administered; let us therefore invoke the blessing of the Lord.

Almighty God and merciful Father, except Thou build the house, they labor in vain that build it. We pray Thee therefore in the Name of Thy Son to help us and by Thy grace to crown our undertaking with success. Hear our prayer and bless us abundantly in spiritual and temporal things. Amen.

Then shall the President and Assisting Ministers pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The stone shall then be set in place, and the Pastor shall make mention of the articles deposited therein. Then the President shall say:

The Lord be with you.

The Congregation shall respond:

And with thy spirit.

Then shall the President strike the stone three times with a hammer, saying:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

By this solemn act is laid the corner-stone of the church which this N. N. Congregation is erecting and which is to be dedicated to the glory and worship of the Triune God in accordance with the confession and order of our Lutheran Church.

"Other foundation can no man lay, than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Then shall the President continue:

Let us unite in the confession of our faith according to the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Then shall the Congregation sing or say:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Here follows the Address.

The Congregation shall then sing a Hymn, during which the offering shall be made.

After the singing, the President shall say:

Let us pray.

We praise Thy Name, O Lord, that Thou hast blessed our efforts toward the erection of this house which is to be dedicated to Thy service. Do Thou help all who are engaged in its construction, and mercifully preserve them from every danger. Overrule all hindrances that the undertaking may be crowned with success. Bless those who are to direct the work, and grant that by the willing sacrifices of many, the building may be speedily brought to completion and be dedicated to Thy glory. Grant Thy grace, that all the members of the Congregation, and others who are to worship in this house, may faithfully avail themselves of all the privileges of Thy Church, that their hearts may become the temples of the Holy Spirit. Gracious Father, give us strength to keep Thy commandments and to do Thy will. Guide and direct us in all things, so that at last we may be permitted to enter into Thy courts above.

This and whatsoever else we need do Thou vouchsafe unto us for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Bow your hearts unto God, and receive the Benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Order for the Dedication of a New Church

The Service shall begin with singing Hymn 581, 277, or some other appropriate hymn, after which the Dedicatory Address shall be delivered. A Hymn or an Anthem shall follow, during the singing of which the President of the Conference shall proceed to the Altar, and the Assisting Clergymen shall take their places around the Chancel.

After the singing, the President, facing the Altar, shall say:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts! The heavens and the earth are full of Thy glory. Fill also this house and the hearts of all faithful Christians with Thy glory and honor, for Thy holy Name's sake!

The Congregation shall sing:

Amen, Amen, Amen.

The President, facing the Congregation, shall continue:

Let us now hear the promises and admonitions of the Word of God.

The Assisting Clergymen shall then read the following or other appropriate Scripture passages:

In every place where I record My Name I will come unto thee and I will bless thee.—Ex. 20. 24.

And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.—Gen. 28. 17.

But as for me, in the abundance of Thy loving kindness will I come into Thy house:
In Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.—Ps. 5. 7.

Who shall ascend into the hill of Jehovah?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood,
And hath not sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive a blessing from Jehovah,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.—Ps. 24. 3–5.

O send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me:
Let them bring me unto Thy holy hill,
And to Thy tabernacles.
Then will I go unto the altar of God,
Unto God my exceeding joy;
And upon the harp will I praise Thee, O God, my God.
—Ps. 43. 3, 4.

So have I looked upon Thee in the sanctuary,
To see Thy power and Thy glory.
So will I bless Thee while I live:
I will lift up my hands in Thy Name.—Ps. 63. 2, 4.

How amiable are Thy tabernacles,
O Jehovah of hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of Jehovah;
My heart and my flesh cry out unto the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
Even Thine altars, O Jehovah of hosts,
My King, and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house:
They will be still praising Thee.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee;
In whose heart are the highways to Zion.—Ps. 84. 1-5.

And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.—Is. 2. 3.

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose Name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.—Is. 57. 15.

Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God; for to draw nigh to hear is better than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they know not that they do evil.—Eccl. 5. 1.

Jesus said: It is written, And My house shall be a house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of robbers.—Luke 19. 46.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such doth the Father seek to be His worshippers.—John 4. 23.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for He is faithful that promised:

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works;

Not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh. —Heb. 10. 23-25.

Then shall the President say:

The Lord give us grace faithfully to keep these words in our hearts!

Let us now invoke the blessing of God upon this sanctuary!

The President shall turn to the Altar, and, together with the Assisting Ministers, kneel and pray:

We glorify Thee, almighty and eternal Lord, God of our fathers and of their children, Thou Who hast chosen us to be Thy people and a heritage in Thy Son Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, and Who hast graciously permitted us to build this sanctuary to the glory of Thy Name, a place where we may assemble to serve and worship Thee!

Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less this house that we have builded! Yet wilt Thou dwell among us; and Thy Son hath promised, "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them."

Let all who come here to worship Thee discern Thy gracious presence. Pour out Thy Spirit upon pastor and people, so that, in this place, Thy holy Word may ever be clearly preached in its purity and retained in the hearts of the faithful.

Cause graciously the spiritually secure to be awakened through Thy Word, the spiritually blind to see, the deaf to hear.

Heal also by Thy Word the broken-hearted; deliver those who are captive in sin, strengthen the weak, and give Thy peace to the afflicted.

Preserve in communion with Thee, merciful God, the children who in this house are consecrated to Thee in holy Baptism. Grant that those who come to the Lord's table may seek Thy grace in true repentance, and through Jesus Christ find life and salvation. Hear the prayers that shall ascend from this place unto Thee, and grant whatever Thy people ask in accordance with Thy will.

O Triune God, let Thy face graciously shine upon all those who enter into this house to worship Thee. May Thy presence go with us throughout our earthly pilgrimage, and grant that we may forever serve and worship Thee perfectly in the sanctuary above.

To Thee be praise and glory for ever and ever!

The Congregation shall sing:

Amen.

After the prayer, the President shall turn to the Congregation and say:

And now be this temple consecrated to the Lord, to His service and worship.

Blessed be these walls that shall resound with the praise of the Lord!

Blessed be the place from which the Gospel of Christ shall be preached!

Blessed be the place, where the Lord through the Sacrament of Baptism shall receive new members into His kingdom!

Blessed be the altar, where the incense of prayer shall be offered to the Lord, and where the body and blood of Jesus Christ, once offered for us, shall be distributed to His congregation!

Blessed be this house, that the turmoil and pollution of the world may be far removed, and that the congregation of the saints may here find shelter beneath the shadow of God's wings!

The Congregation shall sing:

Amen.

The President shall say:

Peace be to this house!

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Turning to the Altar, the President, together with the Assisting Ministers and the Congregation, shall pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Then shall the President turn to the Congregation and say:

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

The Congregation shall sing Hymn 289, or 299, or some other appropriate Hymn of praise.

Then shall an Offertory be played, or an Anthem sung, during which the offering shall be made. The President, having received the offering, shall place it upon the Altar and pray as follows:

O God, Thou Giver of all good gifts, graciously receive and bless this offering which we Thy people place upon Thine altar, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Finally the President shall say:

Bow your hearts unto God and receive the Benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The President shall turn to the Altar, and the Congregation shall sing:

Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Service shall close with silent prayer, during which the Congregation remains standing and the Minister kneels before the Altar.

Prayer to be offered after the General Prayer on the Sunday appointed for the dedication of a church building.

We praise Thee, merciful Saviour, Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Who art the Head of the Church and the Shepherd of our souls, that Thou hast so graciously nourished us to-day with Thy Holy Word. Thou hast thereby given us assurance that in this place, where Thou hast recorded Thy Name, Thou wilt be present with us and bless us. O let Thy Word ever dwell among us richly and the preaching of its blessed gospel work mightily in our hearts!

We have in manifold ways transgressed Thy holy commandments and neglected and abused Thy gracious gospel. Against Thee have we sinned and done wickedness in Thy sight. Nevertheless, Lord, remove not Thy candlestick from among us, but give us grace that in this new temple we may with renewed hearts rejoice in the clear light of Thy Word; so that we ourselves may become light in Thee, ever walk as the children of light, and finally through Thee be saved unto Thine eternal glory. Amen.

Other Dedications

ALTAR

Dedication shall take place before the morning service, and shall consist of a brief Address, from the chancel, preceded and followed by a Hymn, such as 581, 289, etc.

BAPTISMAL FONT

Dedication shall take place before its first use, the Pastor delivering a short Address appropriate to the occasion.

PULPIT, CHURCH BELL, ORGAN

Dedication shall take place before their first use, and may be the same as that prescribed for the dedication of an altar.

BURIAL GROUND

The Service shall begin with a Hymn, after which an appropriate Address shall be delivered. Then the Officiating Minister shall say:

Let us now hear the Word of God concerning death and the resurrection.

Assisting Ministers shall read Scripture passages from the following selections:

As for man, his days are as grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the loving kindness of Jehovah is from everlasting to
everlasting upon them that fear Him.
And His righteousness unto children's children.—Ps. 103. 15–17.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place
In all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.
Thou turnest man to destruction,
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.
For a thousand years in Thy sight
Are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.
The days of our years are threescore years and ten,
Or even by reason of strength fourscore years;
Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow;
For it is soon gone, and we fly away.
So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us a heart of wisdom.—Ps. 90: 1–4, 10, 12.

The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away; none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

He entereth into peace; they rest in their beds, each one that walketh in his uprightness.—Is. 57. 1, 2.

Thy dead shall live: My dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast forth the dead.

Come, My people, enter into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself for a little moment; until the indignation be overpast. —Is. 26. 19, 20.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them.—Rev. 14. 13.

But some one will say, How are the dead raised? and with what manner of body do they come?

Thou foolish one, that which thou thyself sowest is not quickened except it die.

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. —I. Cor. 15. 35, 36, 42-44.

The Officiating Minister shall say:

And now be this burial ground hereby consecrated in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then shall follow the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

If the Consecration takes place in connection with a funeral, the burial service may be read here.

Finally the Minister shall say:

Bow your hearts unto God and receive the Benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Service shall close with a short Hymn.

When the Consecration cannot be conducted in the above manner, the Pastor of the local Church may consecrate the burial ground with a short Address, and a Prayer on the occasion when the first burial takes place.

Order for the Dedication of Homes of Mercy

(A) ORPHAN HOME

The Act of Dedication shall be conducted by the President of the Conference in the chapel or in the main hall of the institution.

A Hymn or Anthem shall be sung.

A Minister designated by the President of the Conference shall read an appropriate Scripture passage, e. g., Exod. 2: 5–10; Psalm 34; James 1: 22–27.

Then the Minister shall pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who dost feed the birds of the heavens and clothe the lilies of the field, and Who carest for us as a father for his children, we pray Thee graciously to bestow upon us that love which renders us cheerful and willing to serve Thee. Help the people of Thy church to be fathers and mothers to the children of this Home. Grant us in the use of Thy gifts a childlike trust and confidence, that we may cast all our care on Thee and in unwavering faith abide in Thee. Help us through Thy Holy Spirit so to hallow Thy Name, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Here an Anthem by the Choir may be sung.

The President of the Conference, or whomsoever he shall have appointed, shall then deliver the Address.

Then the President shall say:

Let us now hear the Word of God concerning children and God's gracious promises to them.

The Assisting Ministers shall read such of the following Scripture passages as have been assigned to them:

Jesus said: Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein.—Luke 18. 16, 17.

Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward.—Matt. 10. 42.

In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And He called to Him a little child, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in My Name receiveth Me; but whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on Me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea.—Matt. 18. 1–6.

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that One died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto Him Who for their sakes died and rose again.—2 Cor. 5. 14, 15.

Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.—James 1. 27.

If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul: then shall thy light rise in darkness, and thine obscurity be as the noonday; and Jehovah will guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in dry places, and make strong thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.—Isa. 58. 10, 11.

And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with Him a hundred and forty and four thousand, having His Name, and the Name of His Father, written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and the voice which I heard was as the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sing as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders: and no man could learn the song save the hundred and forty and four thousand, even they that had been purchased out of the earth.—Rev. 14. 1–3.

Then the President shall say:

Dearly beloved: I now set apart this Evangelical Lutheran——Orphan Home to be wholly used in Christian service and to the glory of God, in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

After the singing of a Hymn, an offering may be received.

Then the President shall say:

Let us pray:

Receive our thanks, O Father of mercies, for disposing Thy people to care for and nurture the little ones of this Home. Look down in mercy upon this place and protect it from every danger and from all evil. Cheer all who shall have their place of service here, and gladden them with Thy blissful presence. Pour down Thy blessing, O heavenly Father, upon these children whom Thou hast committed to the care of Thy Church, and give us grace so to bring them up in Thy fear that as they grow in years, they may also grow in grace, and hereafter be found among the number of Thy chosen children. Amen.

Then the President and the Congregation shall pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The President shall pronounce the Benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(B) HOSPITAL, RETREAT, OR INFIRMARY

The Act of Dedication shall be conducted by the President of the Conference in the chapel or in the main hall of the institution.

A Hymn or Anthem shall be sung.

A Minister designated by the President of the Conference shall read an appropriate Scripture passage, e. g., Lament. 3. 21-29; 2 Cor. 4. 7-18; Rom. 8. 15-28; James 5. 13-18.

Then the Minister shall pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks, that of Thy great goodness and mercy Thou didst suffer Thine Only-begotten Son to become incarnate and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. We beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may evermore yield Thee

unfeigned thanks for this Thy grace, and that we may comfort ourselves with the same in time of sickness, sorrow, temptation and tribulation; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Here an Anthem by the Choir may be sung.

The President of the Conference, or whomsoever he shall have appointed, shall then deliver the Address.

Then the President shall say:

Let us now hear the Word of God concerning our bodily weaknesses and infirmities.

The Assisting Ministers shall read such of the following passages as have been assigned to them:

The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine: the world and the fullness thereof, Thou hast founded them.—Ps. 89. 11.

Thus saith God Jehovah, He that created the heavens, and stretched them forth; He that spread abroad the earth, and that which cometh out of it; He that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein. I, Jehovah, have called Thee in righteousness and will hold Thy hand, and will keep Thee.—Is. 42. 5, 6.

It hath seemed good unto me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God hath wrought toward me. How great are His signs! and how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation.—Dan. 4. 2, 3.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with Whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning.—James 1. 17.

Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it.—Prov. 16. 22.

And there are diversities of workings, but the same God, Who worketh all things in all.—1 Cor. 12. 6.

For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain even of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring.—Acts 17. 28.

And this is life eternal, that they should know Thee, the only true God, and Him Whom Thou didst send, even Jesus Christ.—John 17. 3.

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is Jehovah; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.—Is. 25. 9.

I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; in paths that they know not will I lead them; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things will I do, and I will not forsake them. —Is. 42. 16.

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy healing shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of Jehovah shall be thy rearward.—Is. 58. 8.

So that with good courage we say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear.—Heb. 13. 6.

But unto you that fear My Name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings.—Mal. 4. 2.

But let all those that take refuge in Thee rejoice, let them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest them: let them also that love Thy Name be joyful in Thee.—Ps. 5. 11.

He that receiveth you receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward.—Matt. 10. 40, 42.

Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry, and ye gave Me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took Me in; naked, and ye clothed Me; I was sick, and ye visited Me; I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee hungry, and fed Thee? or athirst, and gave Thee drink. And when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these My brethren, even these least, ye did it unto Me.—Matt. 25. 34–40.

Then the President shall say:

Dearly beloved: I now set apart this Evangelical Lutheran——Hospital, (Retreat, Infirmary) to be wholly used in Christian service and to the glory of God, in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

After the singing of Hymn 582, or some other appropriate hymn, an offering may be received.

Then the President shall say:

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost constrain us both to do and to will that which is good and acceptable to Thee, we beseech Thee, let Thy fatherly hand ever be over us and Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word that finally we may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

The President and the Congregation shall pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The President shall pronounce the Benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(C) HOME FOR THE AGED

The Act of Dedication shall be conducted by the President of the Conference in the chapel or in the main hall of the institution.

A Hymn or Anthem shall be sung.

A Minister designated by the President of the Conference shall read an appropriate Scripture passage, e. g., Psalms 90. 1, 10, 12; 71. 14–19; 2 Pet. 1. 1–11; Heb. 6. 10–12.

Then the Minister shall pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we humbly render Thee our thanks for Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, our preservation, and all the blessings of this life. Above all do we bless Thee for the unspeakable love which Thou didst reveal in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank Thee for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Grant us, we pray Thee, such understanding of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be un-

feignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise not only with our lips but also in our lives. Be our days few or many, grant, O Lord, that, walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our life, we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Thy favor, be sustained and comforted in the weaknesses and troubles of this life, and finally be received into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Thine infinite mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Here an Anthem by the Choir may be sung.

The President of the Conference, or whomsoever he shall have appointed, shall then deliver the Address.

Then the President shall say:

Let us now hear the Word and promises of God concerning infirmity and old age.

The Assisting Ministers shall read such of the following passages as have been assigned to them:

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this cause the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if He shall be manifested, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him even as He is. And every one that has this hope set on him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.—1 John 3. 1–3.

The eternal God is thy dwelling-place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.—Deut. 33. 27.

Yet Thou in Thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of cloud departed not from over them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way wherein they should go. Thou gavest also Thy good Spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not Thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.—Neh. 9. 19, 20.

And He said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.—Ex. 33. 14.

Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.—Is. 41. 10.

Let your loins be girded about, and your lamps burning; and be ye yourselves like unto men looking for their lord, when he shall return from the marriage feast; that, when he cometh and knocketh, they may straightway open unto him. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and shall come and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, and if in the third, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched, and not have left his house to be broken through. Be ye also ready, for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.—Luke 12. 35–40.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you. —Is. 35. 3, 4.

He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out thence no more: and I will write upon him the Name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God and Mine own new Name.—Rev. 3. 12.

If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth. For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall be manifested, then shall ye also with Him be manifested in glory.—Col. 3. 1–4.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful.—Col. 3. 15.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall dwell in safety.—Ps. 16. 9.

And My people shall abide in a peaceable habitation, and in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.—Is. 32. 18.

Thus saith Jehovah, Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way; and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.—Jer. 6. 16.

Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.—Matt. 11. 28.

Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.—GAL. 6. 9.

Then the President shall say:

Dearly beloved: I now set apart this Evangelical Lutheran——Home for the Aged to be wholly used in Christian service and to the glory of God; in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

After the singing of a Hymn, an offering may be received.

Then the President shall say:

Let us pray:

O Lord, Thou art Love, and Thou hast taught us that without love nothing which we do is acceptable in Thy sight. Send us Thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift, which is the very bond of peace and of all virtues. We beseech Thee, give us this heavenly love and the grace to use it always to Thy honor and glory. Direct us with Thy most gracious favor, and visit us with Thy continual help. Grant that our days may begin, continue and end in Thee, that by Thy mercy we may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Then the President and the Congregation shall pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The President shall pronounce the Benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessing of a Parsonage or of a Dwelling for Parishioners

The Act of Consecration may begin with a Hymn, such as 531 in the Hymnal.

Then the Minister shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Minister shall continue:

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.—Ps. 91. 1.

And my people shall abide in a peaceable habitation, and in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.—Is. 32. 18.

Except Jehovah build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except Jehovah keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.—Ps. 127. 1.

Blessed is every one that feareth Jehovah, that walketh in His ways.—Ps. 128. 1.

As for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah.—Joshua 24. 15.

As they went on their way, He entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house.

And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet, and heard His word.—Luke 10. 38, 39.

The Minister shall continue:

Let us pray unto the Lord our God, that He may bless this dwelling with His loving-kindness, and grant unto these His servants the protection of His Divine Majesty:

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to keep the dwellers in this house in their going out and coming in, and preserve them in health and purity. Send Thy Holy Angel to be their defense; dispel all darkness from their home and from their minds, and give the adversary no advantage over them. Give them each day their daily bread; enrich them with all works of faith, and compass them about with Thy holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon this house, and upon all who dwell within it. Amen.

Let us bow our hearts unto God and receive the Benediction:

The Lord bless us, and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine upon us, and be gracious unto us.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The following may then be sung:

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His earth rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God,
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

(*Hymnal 299.*)

Order for Holy Communion for the Sick

After the Minister has acquainted himself with the spiritual state of the Communicant and made a brief, appropriate Address, he shall read, or have the Communicant read, the following Confession of Sins: *

Holy and righteous God, merciful Father, we confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. We have not loved Thee above all things, nor our neighbor as ourselves, and are worthy, therefore, to be cast away from Thy presence, if Thou shouldst judge us according to our sins. But Thou hast promised, O heavenly Father, to receive with tender mercy all penitent sinners who turn unto Thee and with a living faith seek refuge in Thy fatherly compassion and in the merits of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Their transgressions Thou wilt not regard, nor impute unto them their sins. Relying upon Thy promise, we confidently beseech Thee to be merciful and gracious unto us and to forgive us all our sins, to the praise and glory of Thy Holy Name.

Then shall the Minister pronounce the Absolution in the following, or other appropriate words:

If this be your sincere confession, and if with a penitent heart you earnestly desire the forgiveness of your sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, God, according to His promise, forgiveth you all your sins; and by the authority of God's Word and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare unto you that God, through His grace, hath forgiven all your sins; in the Name of God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then shall the Minister continue:

The Lord strengthen your heart by His grace, and may the commemoration of the death of Christ, which you are now about to celebrate, confirm your faith, quicken your love, and establish your hope of eternal life.

The Minister shall continue:

Lift up your heart unto God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner, also, when He had supped, He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

* If the Communicant is critically ill, the Minister may determine the manner and the form in which the Confession of Sins shall be made. He should assure himself, however, that the sick person has actually confessed his sins and has prayed for forgiveness for Christ's sake.

this Cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, save us, merciful Lord God!

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, hear us, merciful Lord God!

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, give us Thy peace and blessing!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Then shall the Minister administer the Lord's Supper. He shall first give the Bread, saying:

The Lord Jesus Christ, Whose Body you now receive, preserve you unto eternal life.

And then the Cup with these words:

The Lord Jesus Christ, Whose Blood you now receive, preserve you unto eternal life.

Then the Minister shall pray:

We thank Thee, Almighty Father, Who, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, for our consolation and salvation hast instituted this Holy Supper: we pray Thee, grant us grace so to commemorate the death of Christ that we may be partakers of the great Supper in heaven.

Or:

O Lord, Almighty God, Thou Who hast permitted this Thine afflicted servant to partake of Thy holy Sacrament, we pray Thee that Thou wouldst grant him (her) also to share with Thee and with all the faithful in Thine eternal honor and glory, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Bow your heart unto God, and receive the Benediction:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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